

Worship Notes for Visitors & Members

Welcome to worship - Welcome to all, and especially to our visitors, we are glad you are here today, and hope that you will worship with us again soon and often. Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. These will aid our record-keeping. Thank you. Large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex. *"It is good to worship the Lord together, and to come into his presence with thanksgiving."* Psalm 95

Welcome children - Jesus said "Let the children come to me." Children are welcome and encouraged to worship here at St. Paul. We rejoice that they are among us; however, if you need it, our nursery is available at all services and you can hear the service on audio. An usher will guide you.

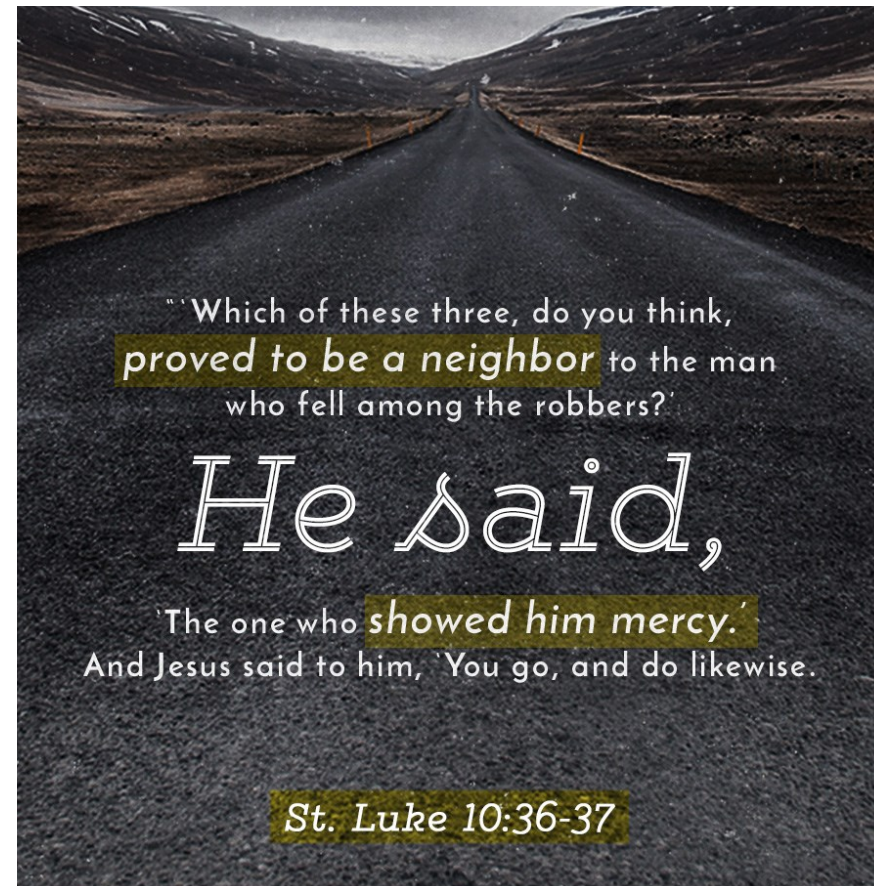
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	
<u>MINISTERS</u>	The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>	Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>	Marvis McNeil
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Iris Arthur
	5:30 p.m. Esther Kindt
	9:00 a.m. Gail Atkins
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. Danielle McDonald
	9:00 a.m. Barb Crittenden, Geri Hanson
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Joanne Huggler
	9:00 a.m. Patti Byce
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Jesse and Jessica O'Neil
	9:00 a.m. Ryan Panknin, Nancy St. Onge
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Marty Cantleberry and Carol Kindt

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Worship Service
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



July 9, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
July 10, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
July 10, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Congregational responses are printed in bold; Additional items for the 9:00 a.m. service only are printed in blue.)

Welcome! Celebrations of birthdays, Anniversaries and a time to welcome our guests. The offering will be received at the back and front of the church building. We ask that you fill out the communion card and place it in the offering plate in the front or back of the church before you depart the church.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (Red) #836

GREETING

Pastor: The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Girl Scout Troop 1033 are assembling personal hygiene packets to pass out to those in need in our community. The packets will be distributed by St Vincent de Paul. They will meet in the church Dining Room on **Monday, July 11th, at 6:00 p.m.** They are extending a welcome to our congregation to come and help in the assembly process.

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting next Sunday, July 17th after the 9:00 a.m. service. This meeting will be to ratify the new church constitution. There will be only one service that weekend.

The Youth Group, now C.I.A., is planning a Campfire & Yard Games event at the church campground on Saturday, July 23rd from 4:00—7:00 p.m. We will carpool from the church at 3:45 p.m. Hot dogs, smores, drinks and snacks will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Danielle at 616-322-7958.

The Forget-Me-Knots will next meet at noon on Tuesday, July 12 at the church picnic grounds for a time of fellowship. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. We will discuss attending the Civic Theatre production of "Church Basement Ladies, Away in the Basement" on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, we will have a sign-up sheet and collect \$14 for your ticket. Hope you can join us. Please call Ann Hardesty (989) 590-2055, if you have a question.

We will be doing M-Dot Highway pick up on July 17th. Interested persons are to meet at the church at 11:30 for a training video and then we will carpool out to our designated highway to pick up trash. Hope you can join us while we clean up a portion of God’s Creation. All are welcome!!!

Official Ordination for Pastor Spencer will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Berwick, Pa on July 24th at 2pm. Good Shepherd Lutheran will be posting the ordination on their Facebook page. Use this link to login and watch if you are unable to attend in person. <https://www.facebook.com/GSLCBwk/>

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 10—17, 2022	
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Adventure Club at Church Picnic Grounds – 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:00 p.m.; Forget-Me-Nots (Picnic Grounds) – 12:00 p.m.; Stephen Ministry – 2:15 p.m.; Stewardship – 4:00 p.m.; Ray of Sonshine - 5:00 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Education Committee – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Kitchen Krew – 2:00 p.m. Soul Sisters and Everyone invited to Nancy Smithem’s House – 4:00
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga - 3:00 p.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; “Gideon Your Weakness, God’s Strength” Book Study – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Newsletter Deadline
<u>SAT.</u>	No Service Tonight
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Congregational Meeting following Service; Highway Pick-Up – 11:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God’s love and compassion.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Harrison Hoppe, Susan Kaiser, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Eleanor Sumerix, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Myra Gapske, Meredith (Colby) Smith, Peter Roznowski, Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Donna Kowalski, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Lori Ludwig, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *(Prayer is the best medicine and we are prepared to pray indefinitely for folks. Would you please help the church office keep our list current? Unless we know otherwise, our normal practice is to remove names after a month. Thank you for your partnership in prayer.)*

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Reed City, Rev. Kara Shaw

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Crafters.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF MAY</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (07/02) 5:30 p.m.	42	Income	22,528.47	129,471.35
Sunday (07/03) 9:00 a.m.	55	Expenses	<u>25,314.36</u>	<u>132,567.24</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>15</u>	Difference	(-2,785.89)	(-3,095.89)
Total	112			

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given to the glory of God.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church is now a drop-off location for donations to help the people in Gaylord. If you would like to assist the residents in Gaylord, after their community was devastated by a Tornado, the Otsego County United Way is looking for donations to be dropped off and used immediately. They are currently looking for: chap stick, sunblock, cleaning supplies (household cleaners, wipes, paper towels, etc.), garbage bags, phone chargers, laundry detergent, and gift cards (for food or gas) of any denomination. Donations can be dropped off at the church 9:00-4:00, Monday–Friday in room 205.

The Soul Sisters are having a Get Together on July 13th at Nancy Smithem’s house. Bring a snack to share if you like. Nancy will provide lemonade and iced tea. Come any time after 4:00 p.m. This is open to everyone. **The Soul Sisters will also be going kayaking again** on July 20th at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. Check Facebook or emails for location. Come join us and bring a friend!

The Adventure Club will be meeting on Sunday, July 10th, at the Church Picnic Grounds for a time of food, fellowship, and enjoying each other and our beautiful lake property from 12-4. Hot dogs, burgers and chips will be provided. Bring a dish to pass, if you wish. Call the church office if you plan to attend, which will help us get a food count, and if you would like to carpool.

The Chair Yoga and Recovery Yoga classes will not meet in July. Join us again on August 4th.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (Read Responsively)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
 and lead us forth in joy with shouts
 of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

(Red) #551

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

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LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

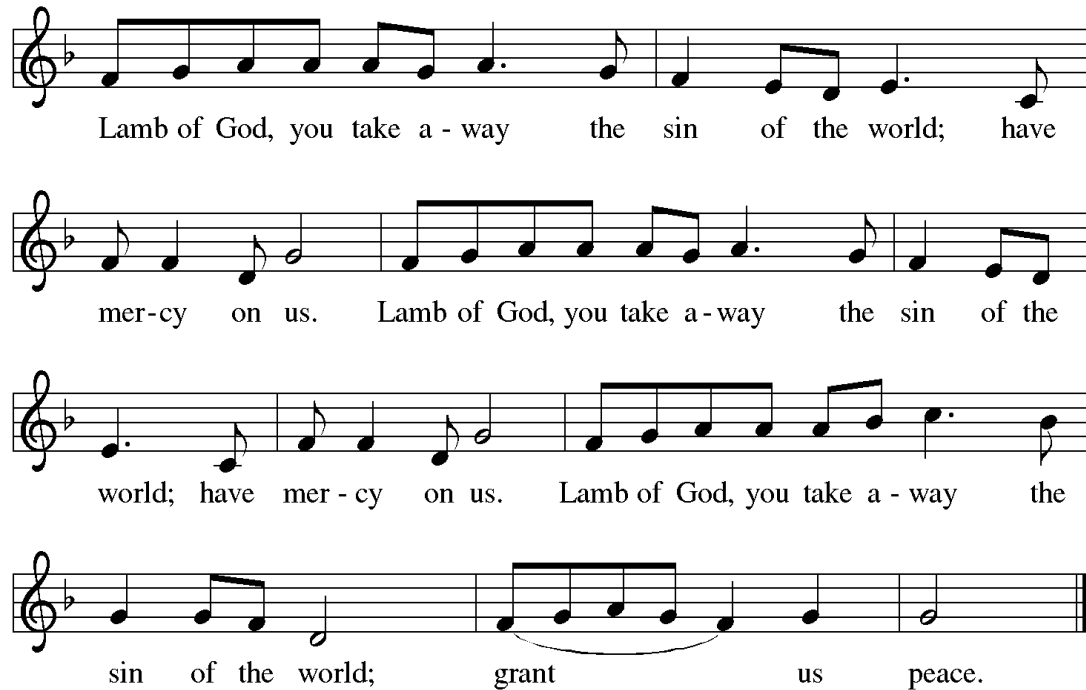
**People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(Pleased be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Christ is both the host and the meal. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. Those not receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. There is grape juice for those who prefer it.

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon

him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"Who Is Your Neighbor"

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" (Red) #712

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Universal**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH God of grace,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

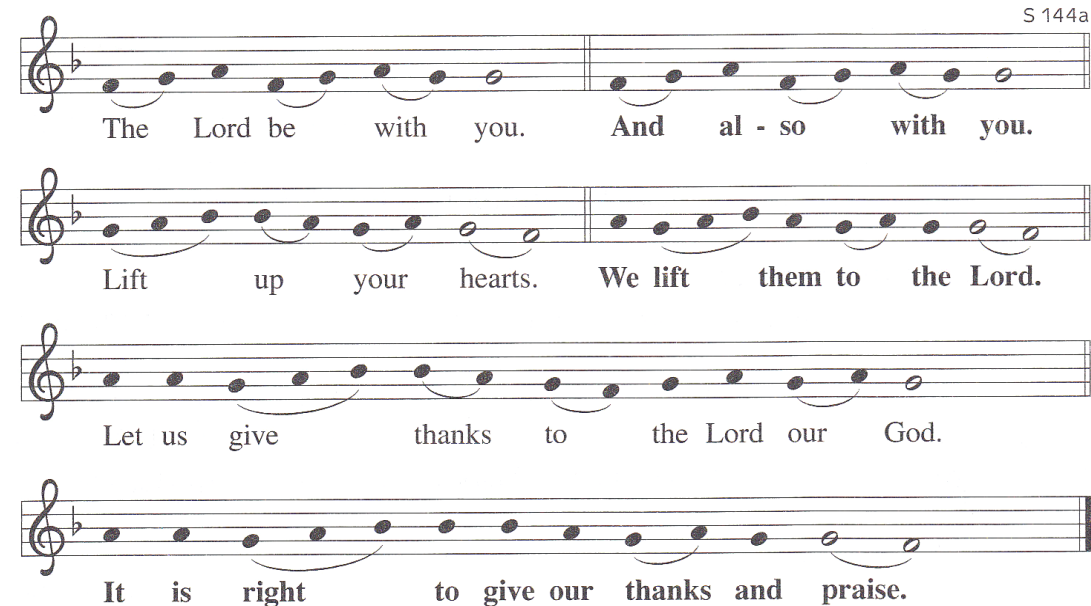
Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And also with you.

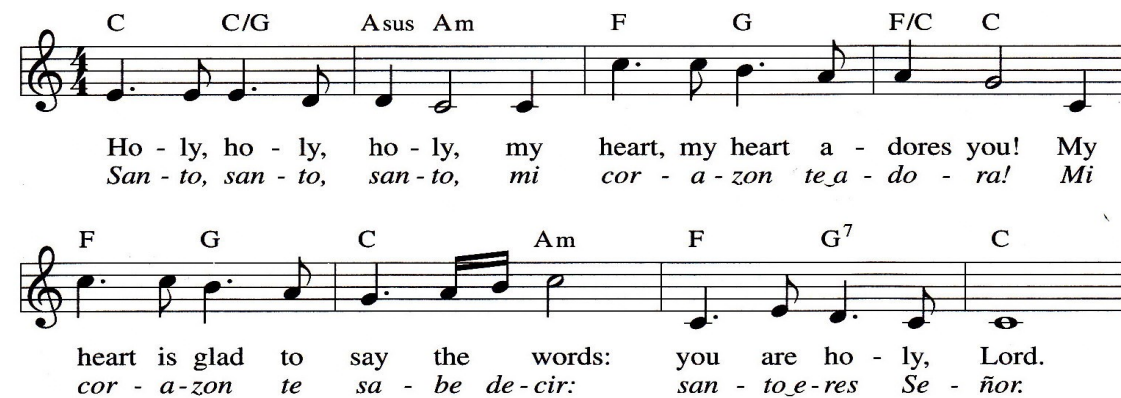
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise . . . *(concluding)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you! My
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to_e - res Se - ñor.

EUCHARISTIC BLESSING