



# St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH



May 24, 2026 | The Festival of Pentecost

## **Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul's family alike!**

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Restrooms and a drinking fountain** are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children's busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children's bulletins, and children's worship note sheets on the cart near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!

*Today's worship begins on page 5*

## *Our Easter worship series* | **What difference does it make?**

Life is full of either/or moments. Some of them are of little long-term consequence. I will have either the chicken or the fish. Some of them matter more. I will accept the new job offer or keep my current job. One either/or moment is life-changing for every human being. Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin.

But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It makes all the difference! He lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

## *Today's worship theme* | **He lives to pour out his Spirit**

When the disciples were distressed about Jesus ascending into heaven, he assured them, "It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7). That Advocate is the Holy Spirit. If Jesus had stayed in the grave, the Holy Spirit would have had no reason to enter the lives of the disciples.

But Jesus lives, and it makes a difference. The Spirit provides faith and purpose for life. Pentecost, the celebration of the special arrival of the Holy Spirit, is the third great festival of the Church along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. Pentecost closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red on this day to commemorate the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift as well as the blood of the martyrs.

## *Our prayer before worship* | **that the Holy Spirit equip us for today**

Holy Spirit, Comforter and Guide, work in us by the Word so that we may know the truth in Christ. Guard and keep us in the faith that saves. Fill us with your power so that we will delight in doing good works to the glory of God the Father. Make us active in sharing the good news of Jesus to people everywhere, so that you may work saving faith in their hearts too. Amen.

## Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Q: *What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?*

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: *What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?*

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: *When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?*

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: *How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?*

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: *What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?*

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: *How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?*

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: ***"Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."***

Q: *How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?*

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

# O Day Full of Grace

CW 477

Following the story of Pentecost, this Christ-focused hymn helps our hearts glow with fiery faith & fervor.



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may be  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub - lime,  
cross was hang - ing, and then he a - rose to claim his throne  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be lost,  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
great joy for us all re - triev - ing, for Je - sus all  
that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the  
all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.  
light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

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**P**(residing minister) | In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C**(ongregation) | **Amen.**

## Confession

CW 172

P | If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C | If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P | Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C | Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P | Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

P | In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C | Lord, have mercy.**

P | For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C | 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 | 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 | Lord, have mercy.**

P | Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C | Amen.**

# Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,  
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

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# The Word

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P | Let us pray: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C | **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Acts 2:1–21*

*On Pentecost the Holy Spirit unleashed his power, so that many were saved through the disciples' words.*

## The Holy Spirit Comes on Pentecost

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup>They were completely baffled and said to one another, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” <sup>12</sup>They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

## Peter's Pentecost Message

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

“Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words.<sup>15</sup>These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

<sup>20</sup>The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day | Come, Holy Spirit

Psalm 104D

## Refrain

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, fill the hearts of your  
faith - ful peo - ple. Kin - dle in them the  
fire of your love. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Verse

1 How man - y are your works, O Lord, in  
wis - dom you made them all. The earth is wide and  
full of your crea - tures; they look to you for food. *Refrain*

## Verse

2 When you give them their food in due sea - son,  
they gath - er it up. When you send forth your  
Spir - it, you make them and you re - new the earth. *Refrain*

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## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3–11

*When God pours out his Spirit, it is for the benefit of the entire Church throughout the world.*

<sup>3</sup>Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup>There are various kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup>Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; <sup>9</sup>by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. <sup>10</sup>Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Antiphon for Pentecost*

P | Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 7:37–39

*Jesus promised that the spiritually thirsty would be filled with the living water of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>37</sup>On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! <sup>38</sup>As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me." <sup>39</sup>By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

P | The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585

*We adore the Holy Spirit for his loving light, guiding truth, and comforting presence through all of life.*



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es  
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of  
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out - poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness  
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror  
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite  
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your  
that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our  
that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 15th cent.; (sts. 2-3): Martin Luther, 1483-1546  
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## **Do you have the Spirit?**

*To ponder post-sermon:*

- What does it look like to be filled with the Spirit?
- When I talk with others, do they leave the conversation dried out or watered?

## **Nicene Creed**

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

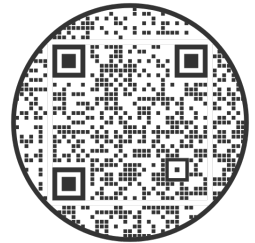
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly 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

*To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.*

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR code** to give an offering online.*



## Prayer of the Church

# The Sacrament

## Preface

CW 183

P | The Lord be with you.

C | **And also 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 | It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P | Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C | Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C | Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **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 | Amen.**

## Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

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

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' This phrase is repeated in the first two systems. The third system repeats the same phrase. The fourth system repeats the phrase. The fifth system repeats the phrase. The sixth system repeats the phrase, but the final line of the piano accompaniment is 'grant us your peace.' instead of 'have mer - cy on us.'

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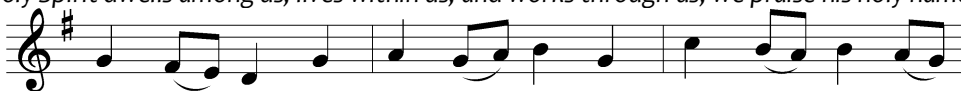
## Distribution of Holy Communion

**To our honored guests:** Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and can express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

# Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

CW 592

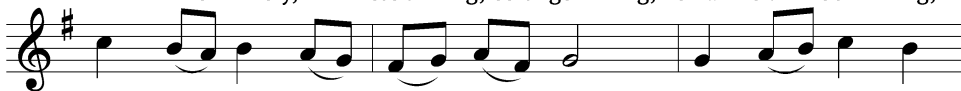
*As the Holy Spirit dwells among us, lives within us, and works through us, we praise his holy name!*



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the Church's



realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
min - is - try, teach - ing, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,  
through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,  
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,  
ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ, you we  
ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul in com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
praise with end - less wor - ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.  
mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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# Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord

CW 661

*Only by grace can we approach God's table to receive the heavenly meal of forgiveness and peace.*



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,  
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,  
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere  
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,  
He gave his life for great - est and for least,  
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,  
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.  
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent., abr.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

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**P** | Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C** | **his mercy endures forever.**

**P** | Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C** | **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P | We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C | Amen.**

## **Farewell to a Called Worker**

*Miss Cindy Lendt*

Dear brothers and sisters, as you know, Cindy Lendt has accepted a call to a new field of service in Christ's church, serving as Women's Ministry Coordinator for the Asia Oceania Team. Today we bid her farewell and godspeed, and we look to the Word of our Lord for comfort, peace, and guidance.

Cindy, we believe that the call you received and have accepted is indeed the voice of your Lord calling you through his people to another field of service. As the risen Lord Jesus guided his first apostles to minister in various places, so also you, after seeking the counsel of your fellow Christians and praying for the Lord's guidance, are now leaving to serve in another part of Christ's kingdom. As you go, may the Holy Spirit continue to give you love for God and his people, so that you faithfully administer God's grace in its various forms for building up the body of Christ.

When you became one with us in this congregation, we rejoiced in the unity we shared as brothers and sisters in the family of God. Together we have enjoyed the blessings that come to us as members of the body of Christ, the blessings of faith, hope, and love. We encouraged you, as you encouraged us, to serve the Lord every day and witness to the gospel of Jesus. For the past years we have worked together with our talents and offerings to carry on the Savior's mission. As you leave our family of believers for another, we wish you the Lord's richest blessings.

Brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus manages his kingdom in the interest of the gospel so that many may be saved. In love he sent Cindy to serve among us for a time and through her ministry we have been richly blessed. As we prayed for, supported, and encouraged her while she was among us, may we do the same when God, according to his gracious will, sends us another teacher to serve our congregation. The Bible encourages all Christians: "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you."

May we continue to devote ourselves to the faithful use of God's Word and sacraments and to all the tasks we have taken on to nourish one another and reach out to the lost. May the Lord bless us and keep us in his care.

Let us pray: O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have given us through the ministry of your servant, Cindy. Pour out your grace on her in her new field of service and grant her patience, understanding, zeal, and faithfulness. Support and strengthen her, so that through the gospel your holy church may grow and prosper. Bless our congregation and continue to protect, enrich, and guide us through your Word so that we may live lives worthy of the calling we have received. We ask all these things through your Son, Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep. Amen.

Dear sister, may the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life. May the Lord watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Amen.

## **Go Gently, Go Lightly**

*Adult Choir*

Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit,  
live simply, don't carry much more than you need:  
go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness,  
stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.

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Go singing, go bringing the gifts of the Spirit,  
go hopefully searching for things that are true:  
in living, in loving, whatever befalls you,  
God keep you, God bless you in all that you do.  
God keep you, God bless you in all that you do.

## Blessing

P | 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 | Amen.

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

CW 932

*God's blessing fills us with his outpoured Spirit, to serve others wherever we go and whatever we do.*



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



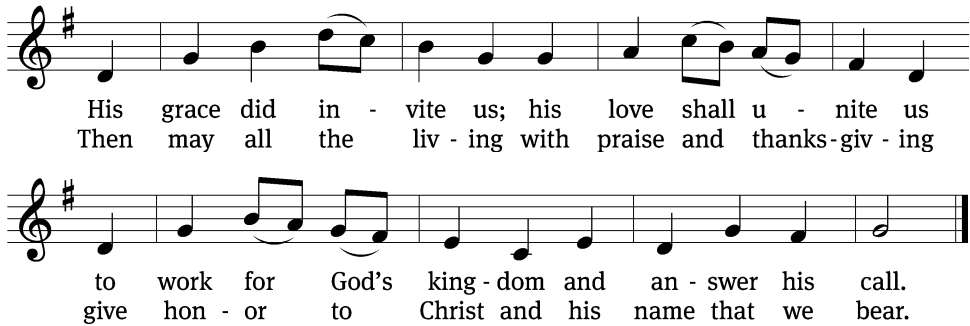
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us



shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
u - nite us as one in his life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us; his love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks-giv - ing  
to work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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## + Ministry Notes +

### **Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.**

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. During the month of June, we will test run a 19-Minute Bible Study that will follow the service (see below). Sunday School for the children will pause for the summer.

### **A Bittersweet Sendoff**

In a short time, Miss Cindy Lendt will be leaving us to begin her work in east Asia as the Women's Ministry Coordinator there. **Today** we have a **special farewell for Miss Lendt** with a potluck lunch. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! There will also be a **freewill offering** available for anyone wanting to send special support to the Asia-Oceania Team of missionaries.

### **19 Minutes Well-Spent**

During the month of June we will be spending a short amount of time each Sunday following the service in a study. We will still have our regular fellowship time as well, but join us for this short snippet of Scripture study and growth together as a church family.

### **Soccer Camp Is Coming Soon!**

Join us at **Central Ridge Park** (just off highway 491) **June 1-4 from 9 AM – noon**. There is still time to sign up in the gathering area to help out (or just show up!). Let's enjoy this fun and educational St. Paul's summer tradition.

### **Ministry Plan Meeting, June 14**

Our next congregational voters' meeting will be on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> following the service. We have been richly blessed with opportunities and want to plan wisely focusing on God's promises without panicking about what he has not promised.

### **Meet Miss Rux**

Miss Hannah Rux was assigned to teach 5-6<sup>th</sup> grades at St. Paul's at Martin Luther College's Call Day service on May 15. Miss Rux is still finalizing her plans to transition down to Florida, so her installation date is still unknown. Continue to keep Hannah, her classmates, and all the schools that were not blessed to receive graduates in your prayers as we work together in sharing Jesus' love throughout the world.



## Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

*preacher* | **James Saatkamp**

*accompanist* | **Justin Siegler**

*ushers* | **Bruce Salzmann and Rick Freihofer**

*last Sunday's worship attendance* | 97

*presiding minister* | **Tim Rosenow**

*worship streaming tech* | **Bill Hoeltke**

*flowers* | **Trimmer 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

*freewill offering* | \$2,547

## Let's pray this week!

*birthdays* | **Bill Balza** (5-25); **Gay Bespalko** (5-25); **Anna Renner** (5-26 | 4 years old!);

**Jen Winton** (5-26); **Sue Leinberger** (5-29)

*anniversaries* | **Newton & Rochelle Trimmer** (5-24 | 2 years!); **Rich & Kristy Sargent** (5-27 | 20 years!)

*homebound members* | **Dave Brandt, Tom Colwell, Sharon Cummons, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo**

*health* | **Tom Colwell** (home hospice care); **Sharon Cummons** (recovering in assisted living); **Rick Freihofer** (injured in a motorcycle accident); **Kay-Lynn Johnston** (recovering from surgery); **Rick Robinson** (recovering in the hospital); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery)

## Serving in worship next week

*Streaming* | Mark Meyer

*Ushers* | Newton & Rochelle Trimmer

### This Week's Events | May 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

**Today** | Miss Lendt Farewell

**Mon** | Memorial Day

**Tue - Wed** | Faculty Inservice

**Sat** | Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM

### Upcoming Events

**June 1-4** | Soccer Camp

**June 13** | Taste of Missions (Miss Lendt Commissioning)

**June 14** | Ministry Plan Voter's Meeting

**June 28** | Confirmation Sunday (Marina Siegler)



### **Our congregation**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

### **Our Synod**

St. Paul's belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God's saving Word. To learn more, visit [wels.net](http://wels.net) or ask a pastor.

### **Our worship**

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children's and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.



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