

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom-ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam-ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might-y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro-claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid-ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre-a - tion, laud and mag-ni - fy his name!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your

Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

(Refrain: Let all the peoples praise you, O God.)

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C ² Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth. *(Refrain)*

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain: Let all the peoples praise you, O God.)

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

C Thanks be to God.

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Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-14

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² He called a child, whom he put among them, ³ and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. ⁶ "If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the

depth of the sea. ⁷ Woe to the world because of things that cause sin! Such things are bound to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ⁸ “If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰ “Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here on Jesus Christ I will Stand

Refrain



Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
 2 It is not the work of my hands that has
 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
 washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
 stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain
 flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
 days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
 fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

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Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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APOSTLE'S CREED

C 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and

destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. *(We pray especially for Alexis, Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Leroy, Ron Bauer, Druscilla Chestnut, Amy DeKemper, Keith Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen, Hester Harris, Jackson Joseph Hoffman, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Don Krodel, Nancy Krodel, Rex Krodel, Wanda Krodel, Zach Leinenbach, Madison Mann, Jeanne Marks, Dean Mehringer, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Bob Nugent, Christine Probst, Anita Reed, Rev. Tim Russell, Annette Schepers, Glenn Schmitt, Jim*

Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Judy Wessel, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Luke Himself, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Verse 1 only)*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE 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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 716 *“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”*

WOV 737 *“There Is A Balm in Gilead”*

WOV 734 *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”*

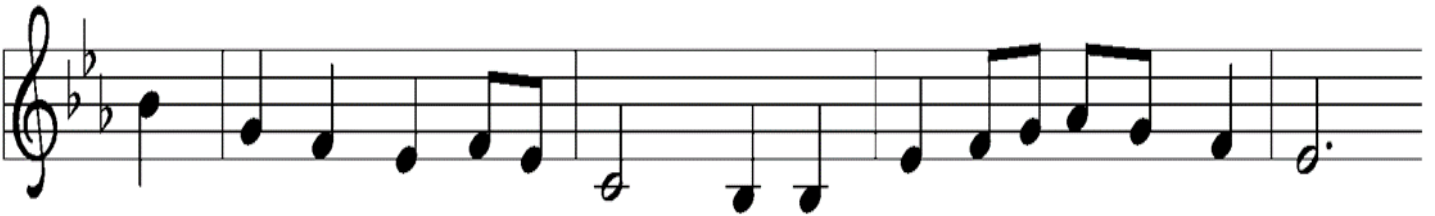
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(Verse 1 only)*



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad-ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 530 "Jesus Shall Reign"

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Jim & Julie Breitweiser
Comm. Asst: Brandie Beck
Video: JoAn Breitwieser
Organist: Barbara Dell
Lay Reader: Terry Seitz
Audio: Bryan Buchta
Acolytes: Kole Kalb
Altar Guild: Tina Terwiske, Gabbie Chinn,
Talia Myrick, Tara Uebelhor



ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 201

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Aug. 16th – Aug. 23rd

Sun., Aug 16 th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
Wed., Aug. 19 th	9:30 PM	Archives Meeting
Sun., Aug 23 rd	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Finance Committee Meeting

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar this morning are in celebration of Gladys Chanley's 91st birthday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GLADYS!

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The next Archives Meeting is on Wednesday, August 19th at 9:30 AM.
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Finance committee will meet after church on Sunday, August 23rd. -Jeff Schmitt
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The next WELCA meeting is on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30 PM.
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WELCA will be making ham salad Sept. 14th and 15th with pick-up on the 15th and 16th. Volunteers are needed to help make and sell the ham salad. There is a volunteer sheet on the welcome center desk for anyone interested in helping. We have a great time while making money for the church!

SCHOOL KITS

St. Paul's will begin collecting for school kits, for the Lutheran World Relief, the entire month of August. **NOTE: We currently have enough pencils from last year and do not need any at this time.** Look for the display in welcome area. Take advantage of the back-to-school sales and shop now! These supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.

Items to include in each School Kit:



- ×4 Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper**



- ×1 One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**



- ×1 One pencil sharpener**



- ×1 One blunt scissors
(safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**



- ×5 Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band**



- ×1 One box of 16 or 24 crayons**



- ×1 One 2½" eraser**

Guidelines:

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

If you are new to the congregation and have a child ages 3 years - 6th grade and are interested in participating in Sunday School, please reach out to loriseitz@gmail.com with your child's name and current grade in school. We welcome all children! *-Lori Werner*

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Are you moving away to go to college, military, etc. and would like a little bit of home every month. Sign up for the monthly Epistle newsletter! (See page 27 for the sign-up form.)

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In Service to Our Country

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Joshua Hoffman
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San Diego, CA
Colorado Springs, CO

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Listening Assistance Devices are once again available for use during our services. These devices can be found in the small bookcase just inside the doors between the Welcome Center and Narthex.

If you **are currently not**, and would like to receive the monthly newsletter, weekly bulletin email, or prayer chain email, please leave this form below in the box outside the church office.

Name _____

- ☐ St. Paul's newsletter, "**The Epistle**"
- ☐ weekly bulletin email
- ☐ weekly prayer list email

(please check selections)

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Thanks,
Marcie, secretary

Have an announcement, special event, accomplishment, etc. you would like to share with your church family? Epistle Newsletter content and pictures always welcome!

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