

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 - jice 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

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we
praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong

foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats,

but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

(Refrain: O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever.)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

C ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth. *(Refrain)*

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

C ⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

C ⁸ You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (*Refrain*)

(Refrain: O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever.)

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and

perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



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 19

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ² Large crowds followed him, and he cured them there. ³ Some Pharisees came to him, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?" ⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined

together, let no one separate.”⁷ They said to him, “Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her?”⁸ He said to them, “It was because you were so hard-hearted that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.”⁹ And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”¹⁰ The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.”¹¹ But he said to them, “Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those to whom it is given.”¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can.”¹³ Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them,¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.¹⁶ Then

someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷ And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸ He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother. Also, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰ The young man said to him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?" ²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are

possible.” ²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my name’s sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

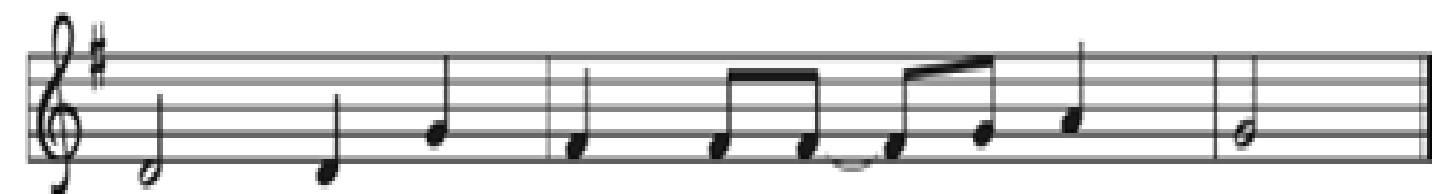
Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand



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



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.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

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.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. 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 Druscilla Chestnut, Hester Harris, Rev. Tim Russell, Leon Seitz, Connie Wahl, family and friends of Glen Schmitt and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. 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.

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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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 742 *"Come, We That Love the Lord"*

WOV 745 *"Awake, O Sleeper"*

WOV 748 *"Bind Us Together"*

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 345 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" (vs. 1-4)

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: Darlene Ziegler
Comm. Asst: Brandie Beck
Video: JoAn Breitwieser
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Terry Seitz
Audio: Bryan Buchta
Acolytes: Kix Smith
Altar Guild: Tina Terwiske, Gabbie Chinn,
Talia Myrick, Tara Uebelhor



ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 142

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Aug. 23rd – Aug. 30th

Sun., Aug 23rd 9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service

Sun., Aug 30th 9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance Committee will meet today after church
-Jeff Schmitt

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Property Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 1st.
-Gene Nigg

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If you have a college student, please turn their address into the office so the Evangelism Committee can send them a care package. *-Jennifer Bauer and Martha Church*

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Worship & Music Committee will meet on Thursday, September 10th at 10:00 AM. *-Arlene Vonderheide*

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Budget worksheets for each committee are in the mail slots in the back office. Please return the completed sheets to the office no later than September 20th.
Thank you! *-Jeff Schmitt*

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On Tuesday, September 1 before the WELCA meeting, we will be assembling the school kits that have been collected so far. If anyone would like to help us, we will start around 5:45 PM. Thanks!
-Donna Rasche and Joann Schnarr.

Please continue to keep in your prayers - Alexis, Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Leroy, Ron Bauer, Amy DeKemper, Keith Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen, 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, Annette Schepers, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, and Judy Wessel.

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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!

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Are you moving away to go to college and would like a little taste of home every month. Sign up for the monthly Epistle newsletter! (See page 30 for the sign-up form.)

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.

**"COLOR YOUR
WORLD WITH
JESUS"**

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**ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY
SCHOOL KICK-OFF!**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPT. 13
(AFTER COMMUNION - 10:30)**

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHO: CHILDREN AGES 3 - 6TH GRADE

**WHAT: TIE-DYING SHIRTS +
BACK TO SCHOOL GAME + SNACK**

****PLEASE DON'T WEAR YOUR SUNDAY BEST!**

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)

Email: _____

Mailing address for newsletter:

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!

Call or email Marcie 😊

812-695-3061 / secretaryst.paul@frontier.com

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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.

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In Service to Our Country

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In the rush
of life,
REMEMBER to
pause and
appreciate the
little things.