

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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In Jesus' name, Do justice, Love kindness, Walk humbly with God.

St. Paul is an open, affirming, and inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2019



Rally Day



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL

Visiting today? We are glad you are here!
Stop by the Welcome Center and receive a sweet gift.

- Please write your name and other information on the yellow welcome card.
- There are multiple areas and resources designed for children to participate in worship according to their needs, including but not limited to Rainbow Bags with quiet toys and an attended Nursery on the lower level of the building for 0 to 3-year-olds. Additional info about resources for parents and kids is on the "Children at St. Paul Wheaton" laminated page posted at the outside aisle-end of your pew.
- Assisted listening headphones are available for those having difficulty hearing.
- Members, please wear your name tag. Extras are located in the pew racks.

ABOUT WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL

We follow an ancient pattern through the *liturgy* (which literally means "the work of the people"). Some parts of the service may change each week, but there is a consistent flow: praising God, hearing God's word, offering our prayers and gifts, celebrating communion, and being sent into the world for service. What is most important is that we all worship together—it's one of the ways we minister to and with each other and build community.

Thank you for being part of our worship and community today!

*At the asterisk, please stand as you are able.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

ELW (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*) page numbers are printed in the lower corners in the front portion of the hymnal. Hymn numbers are large numbers printed beside hymn titles in the rest of the book.

SERVING TODAY

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Rev. Jared Olson

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Mia McCoyd

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The Kerr Family

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Anna Shindler Olson

ALTAR CARE

Dawn Harrington, Bethany Huber

Preparing to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Jared

Children's Greeting & Sending to Children's Church

Gathering Together in Worship

*Gathering Hymn

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: We come to this place from all kinds of places

C: We bring our hearts and our minds and our faces.

P: We've come from near and we've come from far.

C: We've come here just as we are.

P: And while the words might be amusing,
We know they wouldn't be everybody's choosing.
Some folks, who will remain anonymous,
Prefer their worship be deuteronomous.
And that's okay, if it floats your boat;
The readings, the hymns, and reciting by rote.
But today, I think, that's not what takes.
Today, our boats float on different-ish lakes.

The style will be different, and before we begin it,
 We have to make sure that we put our hearts in it.
 So bring on the whimsy, the tune, and the rhymes.
 Let our worship reflect our tides and our times.
 And we gather this gathering in a gather-ly way;

C: to sing and to laugh, to dance and to pray.

P: When you don't know how you should be dressed,
 In jeans and a t-shirt, or a suit and a vest,
 Even when they haven't always been "pressed;"

C: Know that you are truly blessed.

P: When you're on top of the world,
 Or when you're depressed;

C: Know that you are truly blessed.

P: When you're being serious,
 Or when you make a jest;

C: Know that you are truly blessed.

P: When you're on top of the world,
 Or when you're depressed;

C: Know that you are truly blessed.

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God in Heaven



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Listening as God Speaks to Us

Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

L: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

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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.

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***The Gospel**

Luke 14:25-33

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jared

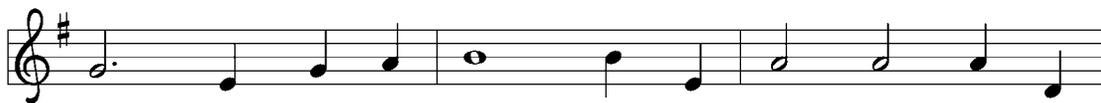
***Hymn of the Day**

Jesus Calls Us: o'er the Tumult

ELW 696



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me:”
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

***Apostles' Creed**

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 the People**

A: In this place, and on this day,

C: hear our voices as we pray.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: An ancient custom we observe,
To find the one we seek and serve.
When we lay our conflicts down,
Fellowship helps to gather us 'round.

Jesus showed how much he cares:
He said, "My peace is what I share!"
So, we answer when we're called.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: We think that we should share it too,
The peace of Christ be also with you.**

Offering

Offertory Music

One Thing I Ask of You, O God
St. Paul Choir

G. Daigle

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***Offertory Response**

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685 v. 1



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

***Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

Everything that's done through you
Becomes refreshed and made anew.
Take the gifts that we have brought
These simple things, or so we thought.

And do the things you do through them.
May your love be known through them.
And remember, we pray, just the same,
We bring ourselves in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

***Children's Return Song**

May the God of All Grace

ELW 217



May the God of all grace, who has called you to



glo - ry, sup - port you and make you strong.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: God is with you.

C: And with you as well.

P: We've got a story to pray

C: And a prayer to tell

P: So lift your hearts high, right to the sky.

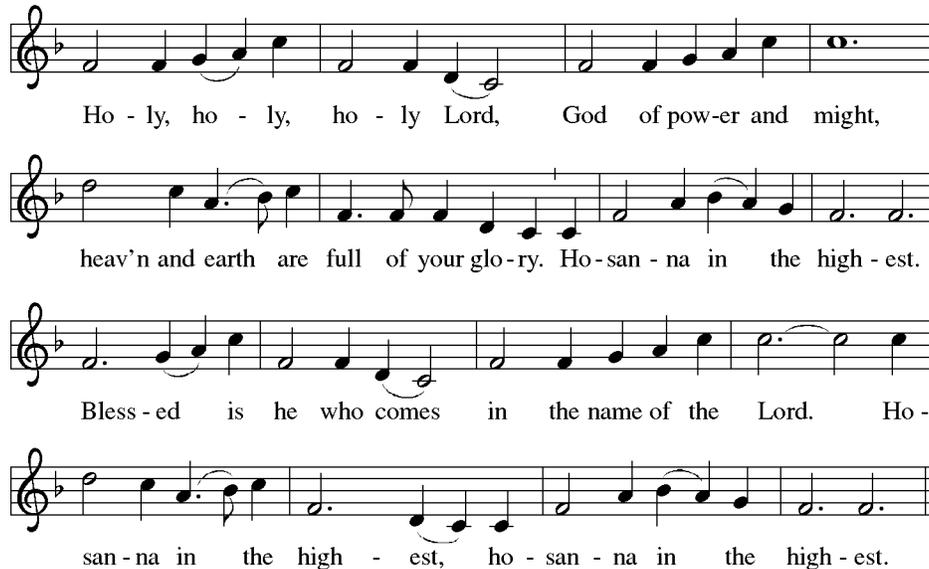
C: We come to the table, just as we are able.

P: it's all about thanks... singing your praises with something like this:

*Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

p. 207



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.
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.

*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray so all can hear it:

C: We hold you dear as children should.

Your name is holy, true and good.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

In heaven like on earth, as one.

Give us today our daily bread,

Forgive us the things we've done and said,

As we forgive things done to us.

And save us from the tempestuous.

Keep evil things from us and ours,

For the kingdom and the powers,

And the glory, just for you,

From now until all time is through.

Amen.

The Distribution of Communion

Agnus Dei

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.

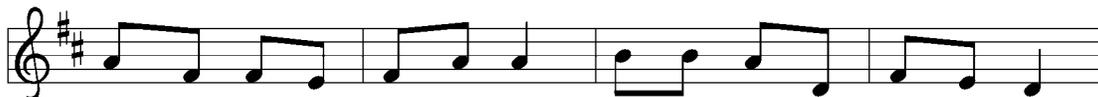
Music During Communion

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

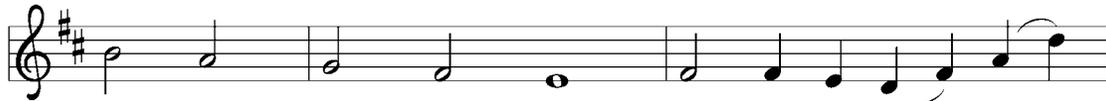
***Post-Communion Canticle**

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

ELW 848, v. 1



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

***Post-Communion Prayer**

A: May we who've taken holy things
Know the joy that blessing brings.
And as we move from where we are
To share those blessings near and far.
Give us strength along the way,
This, in Jesus' name, we pray.

C: **Amen.**

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Going Out Into the World Sent By God

Announcements

*Sending Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

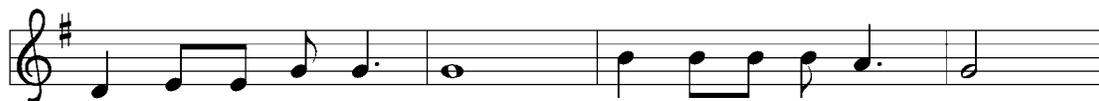
ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Benediction & Dismissal

P: Hold feelings and knowledge in your hearts and your brains
Of God, and Christ, and the ☩ Spirit that sustains.

When you're at your worst and at your best

C: Know that you are truly blessed.

P: If the day's been hard and really stressed.

C: Know that you are truly blessed.

P: When it feels like life's just one big test,

C: Know that you are truly blessed.

A: Go out and be new. Take Christ's light with you!

**C: We'll go out and do the things that we do—
Thanks be to God! Allelu, allelu!**

Postlude