

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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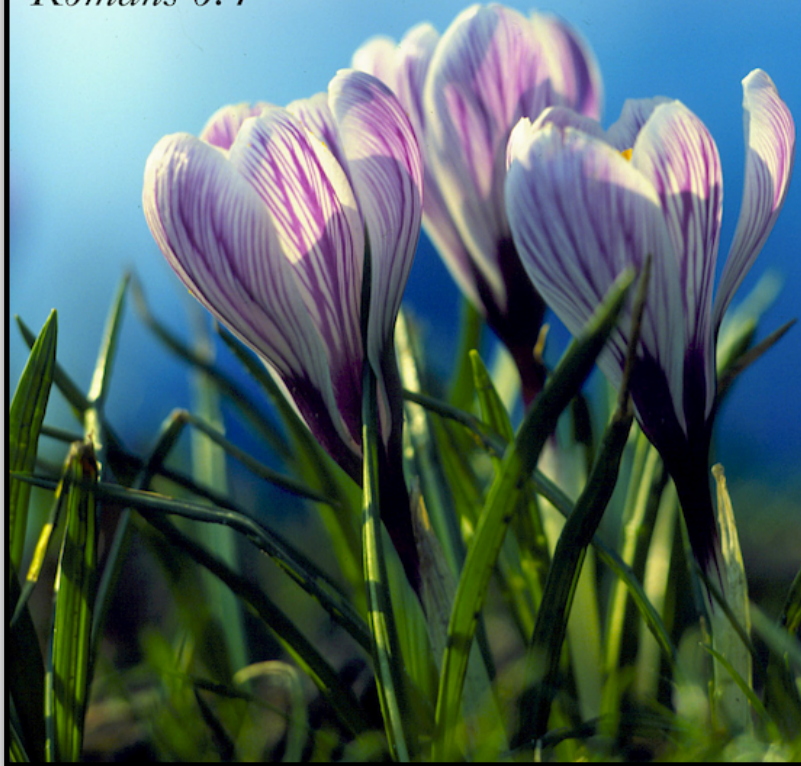
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*Just as Christ was raised
from the dead by the glory
of the Father, so we too might
walk in the newness of life.*

Romans 6:4



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6th Sunday after Pentecost – July 9, 2023

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Carly Mess; Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Wayne Ruegge

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 1 (pew bible, page 481)

*To Your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are Sacrament and Word; here believers meet their Lord.
While I listen to Your Law, fill my soul with holy awe
Till Your Gospel brings to me life and immortality.*

*While Your ministers proclaim peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I hear You speaking from the sky.
From Your house, when I return, may my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

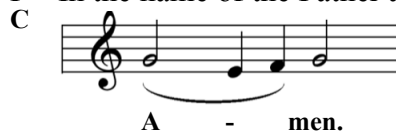
Opening Prayer

Hymn

907 – *God Himself Is Present*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.




Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C 
A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

From Psalm 89

P I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever:

C **I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**

P I will declare that your love stands firm forever:

C **That you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

P The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD:

C **Your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

P O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?:

C **You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

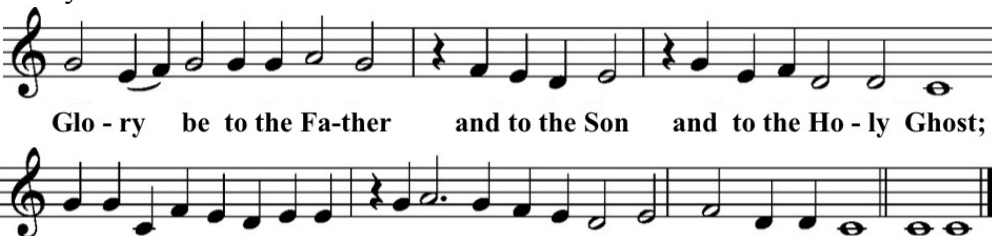
P Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you:

C **Who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.**

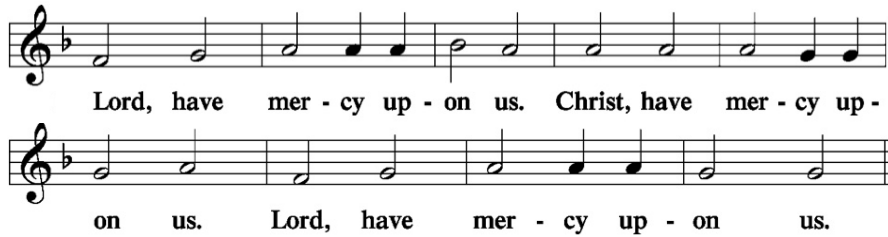
P They rejoice in your name all day long:

C **They exult in your righteousness.**

P Glory be to God!

C 
Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for - ev - er-more. A-men.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation sings:

**All glory be to God on high, And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify, A child of God forever.
The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth,
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**
[LSB #947, alt.]

P Let us pray:



A - men.

+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Jeremiah 28:5-17

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. 6 He said, “Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD’S house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. 7 Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: 8 From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true.” 10 Then the prophet Hananiah took the yoke off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah and broke it, 11 and he said before all the people, “This is what the LORD says: ‘In the same way will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon off the neck of all the nations within two years.’” At this, the prophet Jeremiah went on his way. 12 Shortly after the prophet Hananiah had broken the yoke off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: 13 “Go and tell Hananiah, ‘This is what the LORD says: You have broken a wooden yoke, but in its place you will get a yoke of iron. 14 This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: I will put an iron yoke on the necks of all these nations to make them serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and they will serve him. I will even give him control over the wild animals.’” 15 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen, Hananiah! The LORD has not sent you, yet you have persuaded this nation to trust in lies. 16 Therefore, this is what the LORD says: ‘I am about to remove you from the face of the earth. This very year you are going to die, because you have preached rebellion against the LORD.’” 17 In the seventh month of that same year, Hananiah the prophet died.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



Second Lesson – Matthew 10:34-42



34 “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— 36 a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ 37 “Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 40 “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. 41 Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”



Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

688 – “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

Sermon

Text – Romans 6:1-11

1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united

with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

As Baptized Children of God ... We Have a New Life to Live!

1. Dead and buried to sin.
2. Risen and living to God.

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spi - rit with-in me.
 Cast me not a-way from Your pres - ence, and
 take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up-
 hold me with Your free spir -
 it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Hymn

*751 – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
 (tan hymnal)*

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



Closing Hymn

917 – *Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise*

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This Week at St. Paul

- Today (7/9) 9:30 am Worship Service
- 10:30 am Coffee / Fellowship Time
- Sat 8:00 am Summer Clean-Up Day (till noon)
- Sun (7/16) 8:30 am Church Council Meeting
- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 10:45 am Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting

Extended Calendar

- Sun, July 23 Quarterly Voters Meeting, 10:45 am
- Sun, Aug 6 Elders' Meeting, 8:30 am

In Our Prayers: Don Claeys who is recovering from facial surgery. May the Lord grant him healing according to His gracious will.

A Group of CLC Mission Helpers traveled to Nepal on June 26 to assist with Gospel evangelism work in that country. They will be proclaiming God's saving word to an estimated 1500 children. Some of these children will be members Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession (HCLCN) congregations, but most are not. For many of the children, this will be the first time they have heard a clear and Biblical presentation of the Good News of Jesus Christ as the one who died and rose from the dead for their sins. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through their trip blog: 2023CLCMHTNepal.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.

Missionary Bruce Naumann posted a new update "*Finale of the First Phase*" to his mission blog on June 26. You can view it at this address on the internet: <https://clc-tz.blogspot.com>.

The June CLC World Missions Prayer List may be viewed at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com. Hard copies are on the shelf by the tract rack. Remember, with thanks to God: "*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*" (James 5:16).

Call News: Levi Schaller has accepted the call from Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley MN to be part-time kindergarten teacher in their school. <> Missionary Peter Evensen has received the call to serve as the pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette MI.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

July 10-15, '23

Mon Luke 9:18-22 It is of the highest importance that Jesus' disciples know that He is the long-promised Christ (Messiah). But they are not yet ready to go out and proclaim this news until He has finished His redemptive work and they understand what kind of salvation He brings.

Tues Luke 9:23-26 As suffering lay ahead on the path that Jesus walked, so would it also lie on the path of His disciples. But the prize which He wins for humanity is more glorious than all the wealth and honor of the world. So who would give up his eyesight to gain the most beautiful painting in the world?

Wed Acts 5:34-42 The apostles are on trial for teaching that Jesus is the risen Christ from God. The renowned wise man of the Pharisees counsels a "wait and see" strategy, and the apostles are released, but not without beatings and threats. They rejoice to walk the way of suffering for their Savior.

Thur Lamentations 3:22-26 Although the prophet goes through many afflictions, his confidence is in his Lord, whose mercies are on-going. Because the Lord is his portion, even if he loses everything else, he does not lose hope. Nor does he complain, but waits quietly for the Lord's salvation.

Fri Lamentations 3:27-32 If it is good in affliction to hope quietly in the Lord (v26), the sooner in life one can learn this, the better. To trust in Him without complaint, even in dust and disgrace, is to walk the way of the cross. We are confident that He will yet show great compassion because His mercy is so great!

Sat Romans 5:1-8 Knowing that Jesus is the promised Christ brings us peace with God and joy even in the day of affliction. We know that God brought our greatest good from the death of His Son, and He causes the crosses that come upon us to serve our good, too; all of this showing His great love for us!