

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 24, 2022



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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

#533

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray..... **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Genesis 18:20 - 32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

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

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.**

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

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

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

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

⁷Though 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.

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

Second Reading:

Colossians 2:6 - 15

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann



Children's Sermon

Gospel

Luke 11:1 - 13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 11th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"

#745

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

#204

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

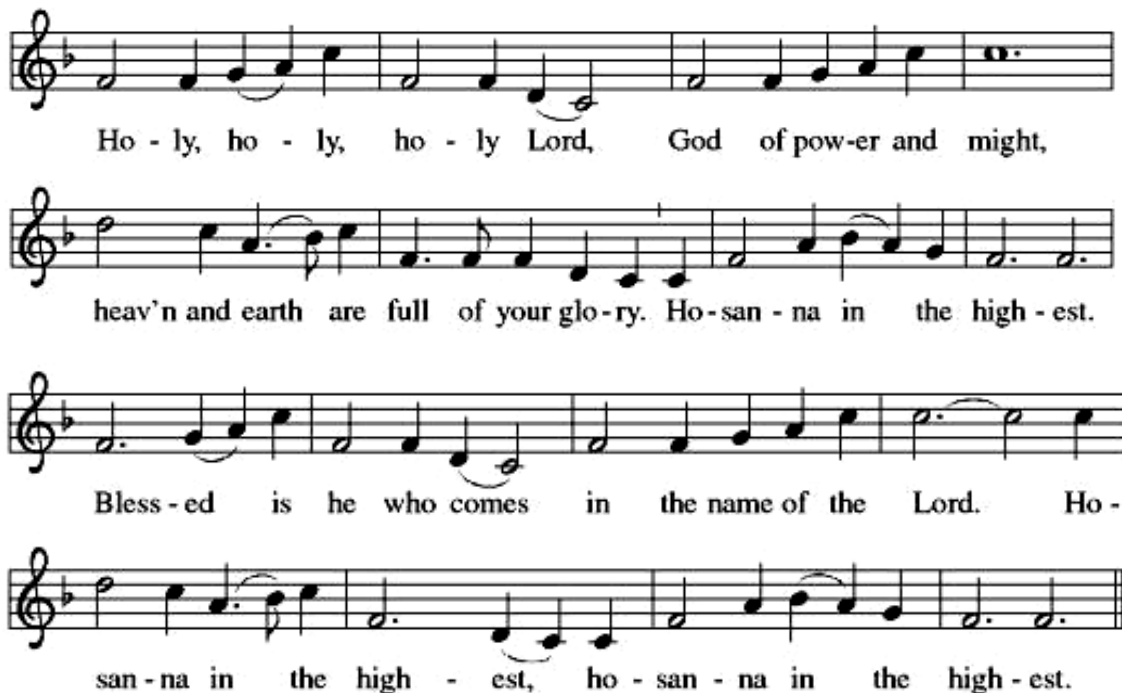
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

by Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

please be seated

Communion Hymns

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

#527

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#742

"Lord, Listen to Children Praying"

#752

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.
grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.



"GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE"



Welcome: Realizing that each of us has times of loneliness or alienation, let us greet one another with the assurance that God's love is present for us all. Welcome, friends.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Dave Ramel, Joann Brauer, Glen Webb and Kyle Luetjen.



PRAY
for those
in need

Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Esther Schlesselman, Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Sharon Stelling, Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

Undies Sunday: Once again, the annual "Undies Sunday" will collect new undergarments for children to be distributed at the clothing drive. Please bring those donations to church during worship **today** and Sunday, **July 31st**.



"One Stitch At A Time": The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **July 25th** at 9:00am in the church basement.

Planning: Worship & Music will meet on Tuesday, **July 26th** at 1:30pm.



Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **July 27th** at 3:00pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **July 28th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars for a Rocky Railway Adventure at this year's VBS, where we will climb aboard our very own train to experience how *Jesus' power pulls us through*. VBS will be on **August 1st – 5th**, from 6:00-8:30 pm.

Invite a friend to what will surely be an awesome adventure! Please register all participants using the link on the church's Facebook page.

Cookies: We are looking for cookie bakers for VBS. (No peanut butter, please) Please deliver cookies marked "VBS " to the church basement between Sunday **July 31st** and **August 2nd**.



Back-To-School Sale: July is the month of all things clothing, thanks to the work of the Church Alliance! Their annual Back-to-School Clothing Sale will be Saturday, **August 6th**, here at St. Paul's. Donations of gently-used clothing (especially clothing for children and youth) will be accepted in the basement this month. Donations can be dropped off at St. Paul's basement on Tuesday's - Friday's from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Volunteers will be needed to help sort clothing on August 4th and 5th.

Casting Crowns: This contemporary gospel group will be at the Missouri State Fair on Tuesday, **August 16th**. The tickets are \$30.00 each. If you are interested in joining a group please RSVP to Melisa Balke before July 24th. For more information check out the bulletin board in the link or contact Melisa Balke.



Circle: The Esther Circle will **not** meet during the months of July and August.

Sunday School Teachers: Part of our work in nurturing young families and raising disciples is teaching our children and youth the Christian faith. We are fortunate to be able to do that through our Sunday School program. Can you help our Sunday School ministry by being a teacher this year? Teachers will rotate throughout the year so that you aren't teaching every week, but we need your help to do so! If you're interested or have questions please speak with Pastor Stephen or someone on the Parish Education committee. Thank you!



Combine Float: The Combine Float is moving along (**36 days to go**). We have had 8-12 ladies pleating and fluffing like crazy. There are flowers that can be picked up in the Gathering Space. Anyone wanting flowers delivered, please contact Melisa Balke or Susan Goosen. The construction crew is making plans to start construction and any help would be appreciated. Construction work time will be announced shortly. Pleaters and Fluffers are meeting in the church basement on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings; beginning at 5:00 p.m.** Come and join some good fellowship!

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Sangerfest: The annual German Singing Festival will be held on Saturday, **July 30th**, starting at 2:00 pm in the American Legion Building. Featuring the Ukrainian Youth Choir from Sedalia, the St. Louis and Kansas City Liederkrantz choirs, and the Cole Camp Choirs. This year is a fundraiser with donations going to support those suffering from the ongoing war in Ukraine.



Family Fun Day: The Cole Camp Swimming Pool is hosting a Family Fun Day on Sunday, **July 31st**, from 4-6 pm. It begins with the cardboard boat races at 4:00, and continues with more contests, games, food, and prizes. Check out the pool's Facebook page for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, July 24:	10:00am	Worship Holy Communion by Stations Undies Sunday
Monday, July 25:	9:00am 5:00pm	Sewing Float Work
Tuesday, July 26:	1:30pm 5:00pm	Worship & Music Float Work
Wednesday, July 27:	3:00pm	Sunbeam
Thursday, July 28:	8:00am 5:00pm	BCHD Float Work
Saturday, July 30:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, July 31:	10:00am	Worship Holy Communion by Stations Undies Sunday



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

July 30 & 31	Undies Sunday
August 1 -5	Vacation Bible School
August 6	Back-To-School Clothing Sale

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers	.....The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister	.....Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist	.....Lois Viebrock
Pianist	.....Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild	.....Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers	.....Kelly Viebrock, Assistant Head Usher
	.....Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs, Justin Tinney & Bruce Wienberg



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 24, 2022

Assisting Minister	.....Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistant	.....Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall
Children's Sermon	.....Joyce Schlesselmann
Reader	.....Brian Randall
Acolytes	.....Ethan Goosen & Khloe Viebrock
Flowers	.....



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 31, 2022

Assisting Minister	.....Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistant	.....Tara Anderson & Erin Oelrichs
Children's Sermon	.....Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
ReaderSusan Kyle
AcolytesLogan Jackson & Jace Tinney
FlowersMelisa Balke



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