

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**June 23, 2024**

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# Welcome to **ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

9:30am | Service with Holy Communion  
in the Nave and Online

10:30am | Coffee Hour

## **LIVESTREAMING**

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Arlington Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

## **WEEKLY UPDATE NEWSLETTER**

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## **SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:**

Marie Breitenbach, *Altar Guild*

Peter Schmidt, *Cantor*

Josh Davis, *Lector*

Monique Airasian, *Deacon*

Dan Ries, *Usher*

Matt Carter, *Livestream Broadcast*

Peter and Hollie Schmidt, *Coffee Guild*

*Cover Art:*

Rembrandt van Rijn

Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee

1633

Oil on canvas

Whereabouts unknown since 1990; previously Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston

*When the instruction for standing \* appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable.*

*At the †, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.*

*The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

French suite in G major BWV 816: Sarabande

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

\* GATHERING HYMN

ELW 761

"Evening Morning"



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing,  
2 Gra - cious Lord, hear me, par - don and spare me;  
3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;  
4 To God in heav - en all praise be giv - en!



wealth, peace, and glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness:  
calm all my ter - rors, blot out my er - rors,  
though bil - lows tow - er, and winds gain pow - er,  
O God, we of - fer and glad - ly prof - fer



these are your works, rich in glo - ry di - vine!  
that jus - ti - fied in your sight I may stand.  
af - ter the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
gifts from your hand; these a - lone you will prize:



Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in slum - ber,  
Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my do - ings;  
Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er ceas - ing:  
hearts that re - ceive you and faith to be - lieve you;



your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre - serves us,  
guard me and guide me and stay close be - side me;  
these shall I trea - sure and share in full mea - sure  
hymns that a - dore you are pre - cious be - fore you

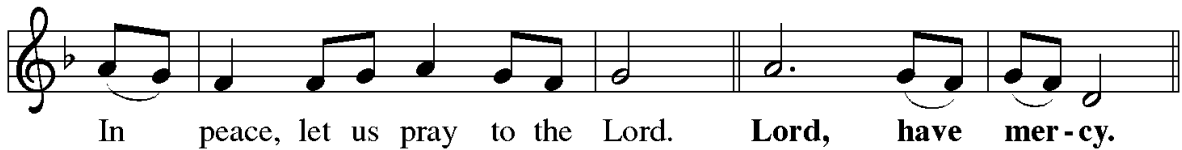


caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.  
all I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand.  
when in your man - sions you grant me a place.  
and to your throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

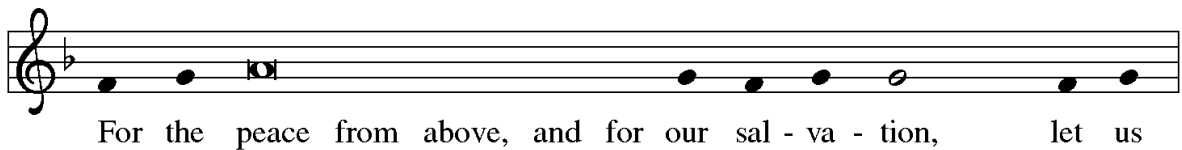
\*GREETING

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.**

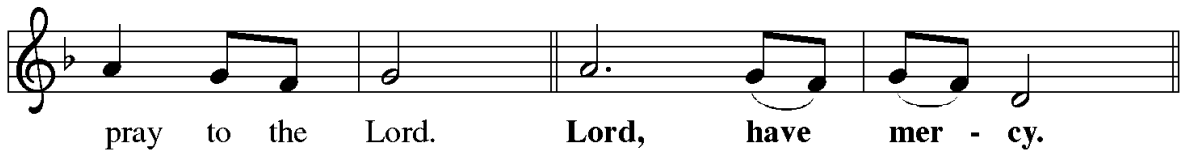
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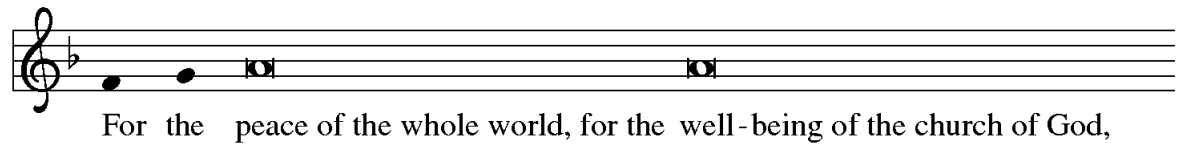
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



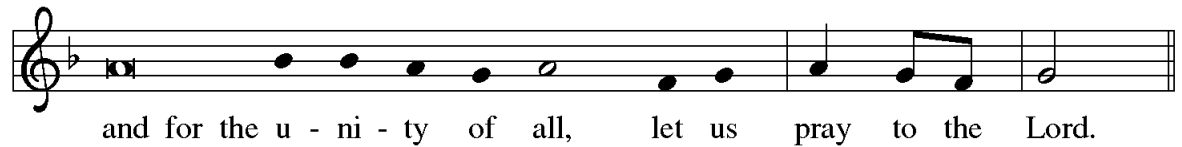
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



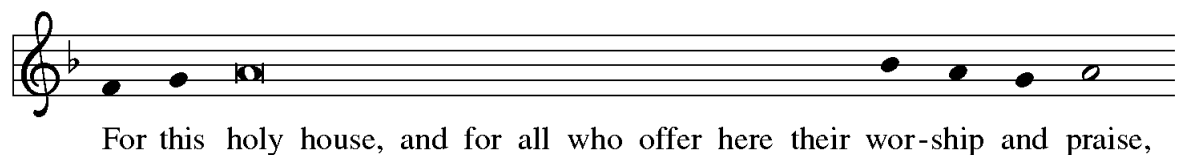
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



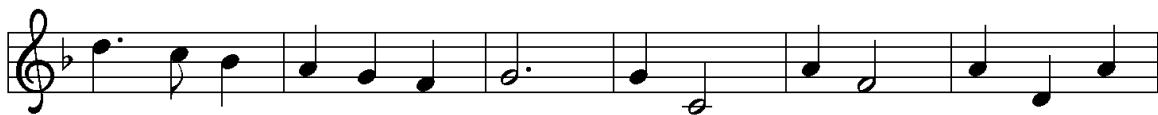
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# WORD

FIRST READING

Job 38: 1–11

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

**T**he Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

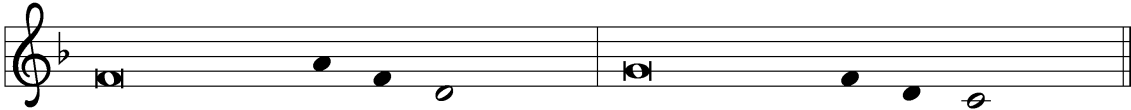
“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—  
when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**





Give thanks to the Lord, for the <sup>1</sup> Lord is good,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup> Lord proclaim**

**that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup> of the foe,**  
gathering them in <sup>1</sup> from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup> from the south.

**Some went down to the <sup>1</sup> sea in ships,**  
**plying their trade <sup>1</sup> in deep waters.**

They beheld the works <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
God's wonderful works <sup>1</sup> in the deep.

**Then God spoke, and a stormy <sup>1</sup> wind arose,**  
**which tossed high the waves <sup>1</sup> of the sea.**

They mounted up to the heavens and descended <sup>1</sup> to the depths;  
their souls melted away <sup>1</sup> in their peril.

**They staggered and <sup>1</sup> reeled like drunkards,**  
**and all their skill was of <sup>1</sup> no avail.**

Then in their trouble they cried <sup>1</sup> to the Lord,  
and you delivered them from <sup>1</sup> their distress.

**You stilled the storm <sup>1</sup> to a whisper**  
**and silenced the waves <sup>1</sup> of the sea.**

Then were they glad when <sup>1</sup> it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor <sup>1</sup> they desired.

**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love**  
**and your wonderful works <sup>1</sup> for all people.**

Let them exalt you in the assembly <sup>1</sup> of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing <sup>1</sup> hallelujah!

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

**A**s we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

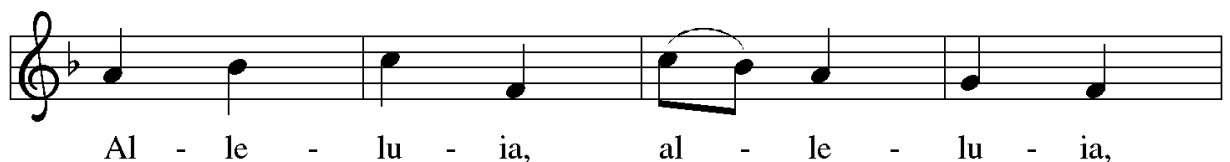
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. 13In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**hen evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Liz Senft

SERMON

Pastor Liz Senft

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

ELW 771



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in-ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

APOSTLE'S CREED

In response to the gospel, let us confess the faith of the church:

**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 into hell. 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 INTERCESSION

*The leader will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read aloud the other prayers as they feel called.*

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work especially in Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and Haiti. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling, especially Dan, Lynn, Meredith, Owen, and Susan. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, with John the Baptist, Philipp Melancthon, Cyril, Irenaeus, and the Apostles Peter and Paul, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

\* PEACE

*Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

\* OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

OFFERING

You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning this QR code:



\* 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 to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

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.

\* LORD'S PRAYER

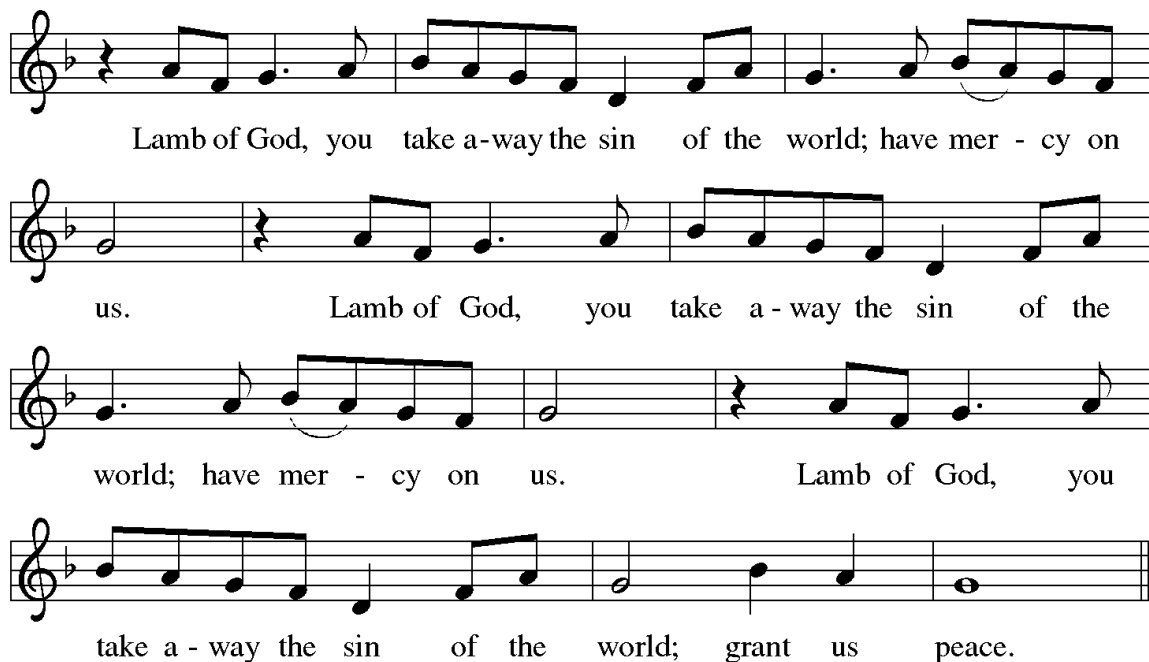
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,**

**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

*All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine and grape juice are available in each tray; the wine is red and the grape juice is white.*

*Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.*



The image shows a musical score for a hymn, likely 'Agnus Dei'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The lyrics for the first staff are 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on'. The second staff continues the lyrics with 'us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you'. The fourth and final staff concludes the lyrics with 'take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases marked with slurs.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.



## COMMUNION HYMN

"Calm to the Waves"

ELW 794

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, 'Peace, be still.'" and "Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice."

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
Music: CALM SEAS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

### \* TABLE BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

### \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### \* BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ELW 763

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

\* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

French suite in G major BWV 816: Gavotte

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and  
UPCOMING HAPPENINGS  
*at* **SAINT PAUL**



**CYF (CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES) UPDATE**

St. Paul Annual Weekend Retreat will be the weekend of August 23-25. This is an annual tradition to relax, reflect, and reconnect with each other in the beautiful environment of Camp Calumet on Lake Ossipee in New Hampshire. All are welcome to join us for this weekend!

Camp Calumet Summer Camp now enrolling for their summer camp. Many of the youth in our congregation attend and work there. It is a great community that offers a fun, accepting environment for youth of all ages. Visit their website at [www.calumet.org](http://www.calumet.org).

**ARLINGTON EATS NEEDS FOR JUNE**

For the month of June items that would help the most are:

- Gluten free items (snacks, mixes, pastas, etc.)
- Cereal (Cheerios and Chex are popular)
- Rice Crispy treats (single servings)
- Animal crackers (single servings)
- Dish soap



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