

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



July 14, 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:

Jennifer Parker, *Altar Guild*

Marie Breitenbach, *Cantor*

Kevin Kreutter, *Lector*

Kristen Anderson, *Deacon*

Dan Ries, *Usher*

Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast*

Peter and Hollie Schmidt, *Coffee Guild*

*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

Pieces the clavecin I. La Majesteuse

Joseph-Nicolas-Pancrace Royer (1703-1755)

### 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

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

ELW 807

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

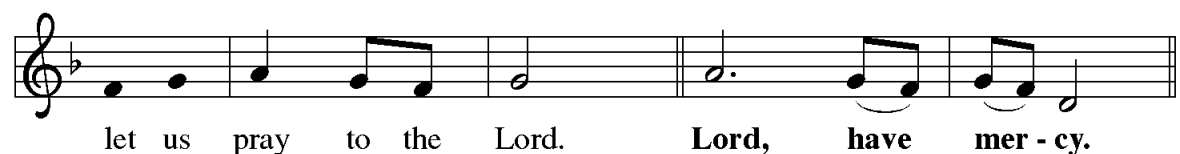
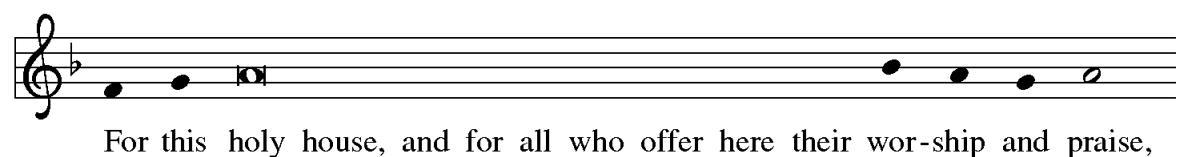
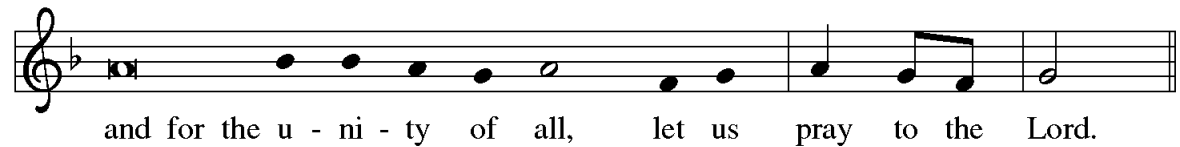
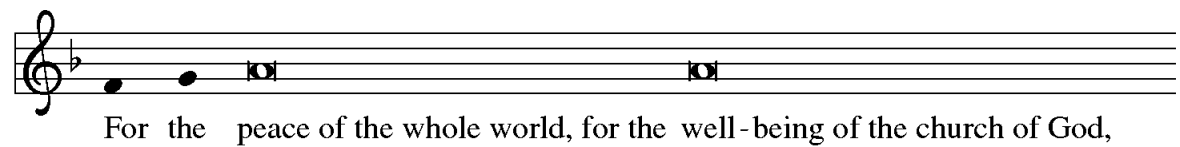
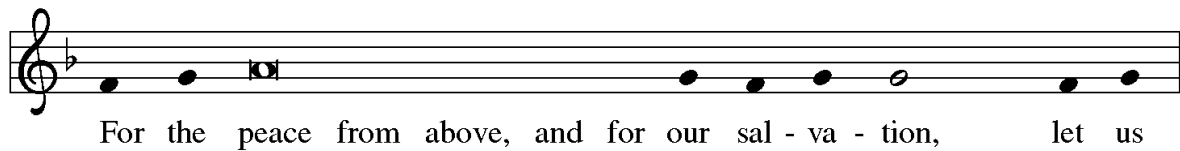
teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.  
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

**\*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.**

**\*KYRIE**



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## HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



The Refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of 10 measures. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (half), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half). The melody is simple and repetitive, typical of a folk refrain.

The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains six measures of music. The notes are: G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), and B3 (half). The first measure has a whole rest. The second measure has a whole rest. The third measure has a whole rest. The fourth measure has a whole rest. The fifth measure has a whole rest. The sixth measure has a whole rest.

[illegible][illegible]

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

Refrain



The Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), C4 (half), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), C4 (half). The piece ends with a double bar line.

[illegible]

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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7—15

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

**T**his is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'"

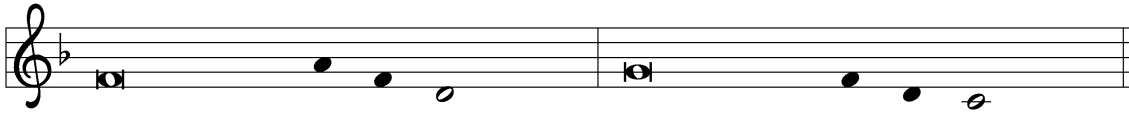
And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**





I will listen to what the Lord <sup>1</sup> God is saying;  
 for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their <sup>1</sup> hearts to you.  
**Truly, your salvation is very near to <sup>1</sup> those who fear you,**  
**that your glory may dwell <sup>1</sup> in our land.**  
 Steadfast love and faithfulness have <sup>1</sup> met together;  
 righteousness and peace have <sup>1</sup> kissed each other.  
**Faithfulness shall spring up <sup>1</sup> from the earth,**  
**and righteousness shall look <sup>1</sup> down from heaven.**  
 The Lord will indeed <sup>1</sup> grant prosperity,  
 and our land will <sup>1</sup> yield its increase.  
**Righteousness shall go be- <sup>1</sup> fore the Lord**  
**and shall prepare for <sup>1</sup> God a pathway.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3–14

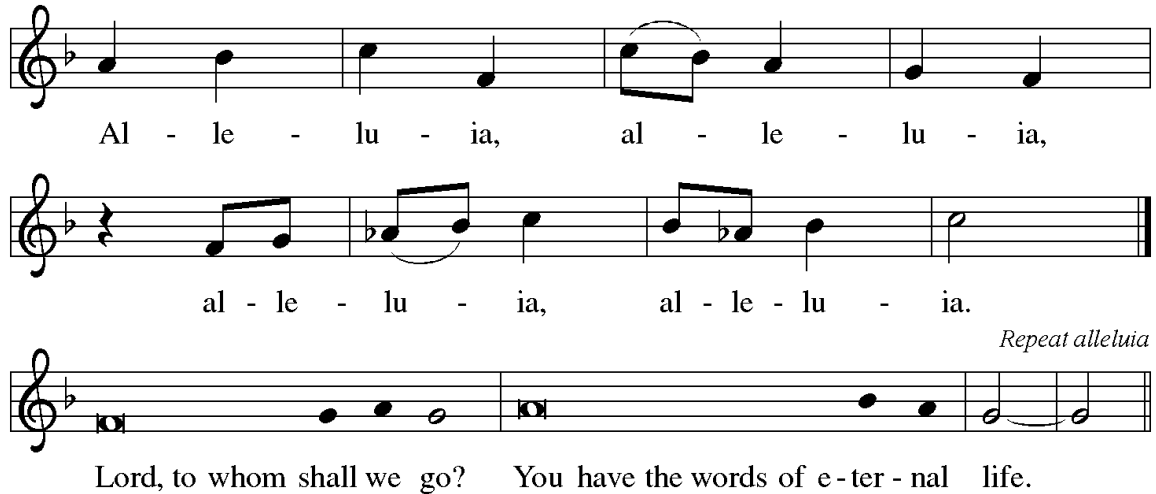
*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

\* GOSPEL

Mark 6:14–29

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**K**ing Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## \* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Sometimes Only Our Song is Weeping"

ELW 1050

1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly  
2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far-off

sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is  
tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it

sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.  
com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.

Who hears the song our sor - rows swal - low and of - fers  
The Spir - it sings though we are shak - en, and Christ has

hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and  
shared our heart-felt cries. Re - stored, our wea - ry souls a -

hol - low, God heeds the prayers with - in our tears.  
wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: WAYFARING STRANGER, North American traditional

## 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.*

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. Protect those who have been affected by Hurricane Beryl. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable, especially in places experiencing violence such as Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and Haiti. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. We pray especially for Dan, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Owen, and Susan. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you, especially Bartolomé de Las Casas. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**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.**

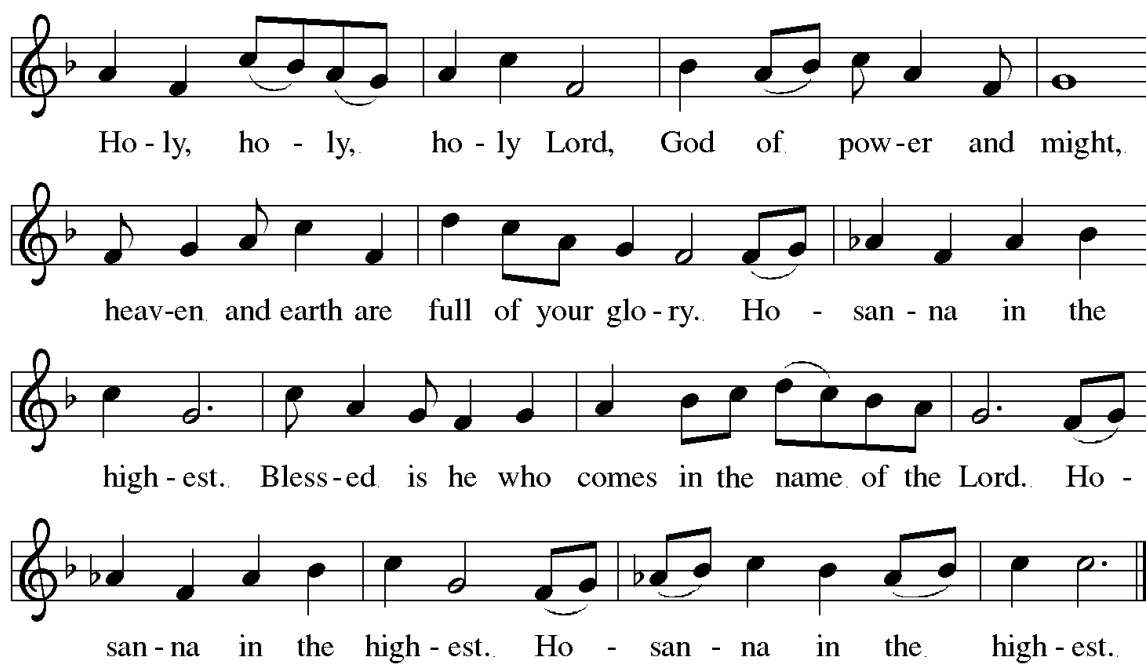
Lift up your hearts.

**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:



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**

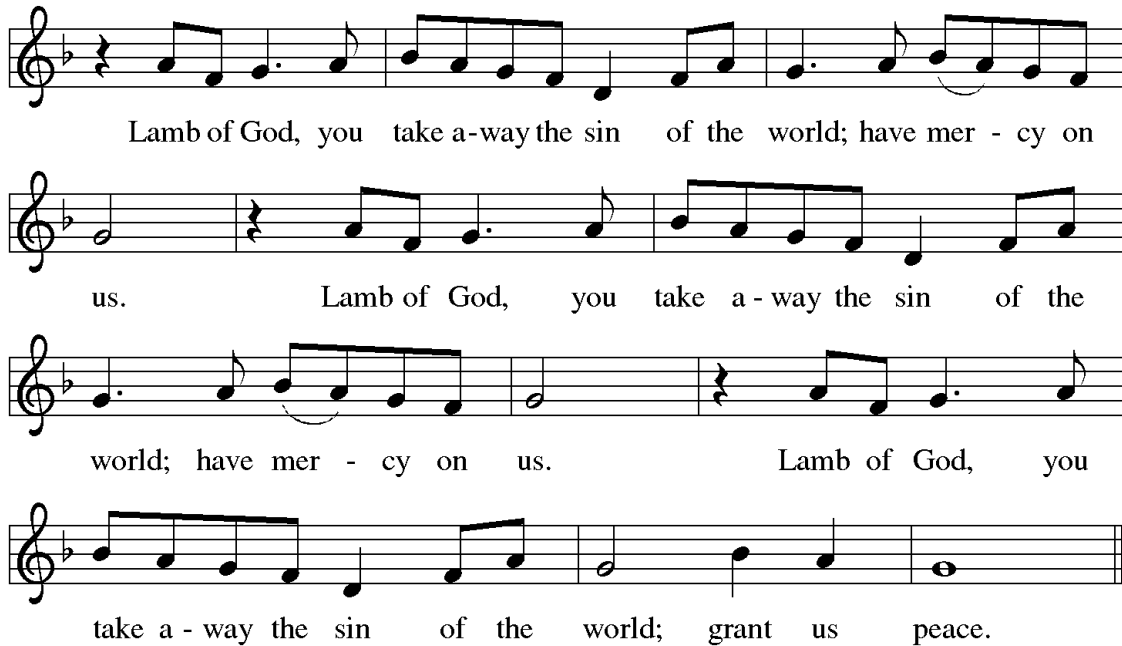
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,**

**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 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 first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The third staff continues with the lyrics: "world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you". The fourth staff concludes the melody with the lyrics: "take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

## “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

ELW 697

*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

Text: North American traditional  
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

\* 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.**

## ELCA YOUTH GATHERING BLESSING

*Those attending the ELCA Youth Gathering are invited to come forward to the font to receive this blessing.*

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have created us to be ourselves. We thank you for calling these young people and the adult leaders who will accompany them to the ELCA Youth Gathering. As you have shown your love by sending your Son to live among us, we pray that your Spirit helps those we send to be an expression of your presence in the world. Watch over these dear ones as they go out and bring them home with a deeper understanding of who you have created them to be: Brave, Authentic, Free, Disruptive, Disciples.

In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW 710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

\* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Pieces the clavecin VI. L'Aimable

Joseph-Nicolas-Pancrace Royer (1703-1755)

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!

**ARLINGTON EATS NEEDS FOR JULY**

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

- Cereal bars
- Fruit snacks
- Cereal
- Gluten Free items (snack mixes, pastas, etc.)
- Dish Soap



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