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June 8, 2025 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave and Online 10:30am | Coffee Hour **LIVESTREAMING** Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran 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.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:

Kelli Oliver and Taryn Walsh, *Altar Guild*John Turner, *Lector*Kevin Kruetter *Deacon*Marie Breitenbach, *Cantor*Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*Matt Carter, *Livestream Broadcast*Peter and Hollie Schmidt & Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*

When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable. At the \boxtimes , you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mazurka in G minor, Op. 67 No. 2

F. Chopin (1810-1849)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

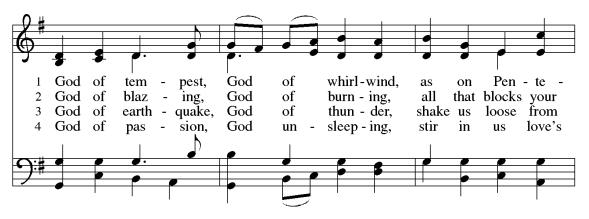
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

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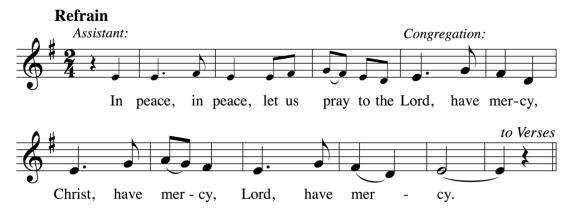
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* GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

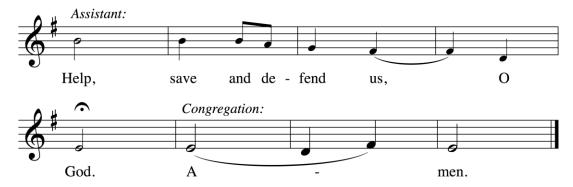
And also with you.

* KYRIE



Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



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* HYMN OF PRAISE



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1—21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 104:24 — 34, 35b



How manifold are your | works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- 'y to number, living things both 'small and great.

There go the ships | to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

All of them | look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

When you hide your face, 'they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they ' are created; and so you renew the face ' of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;

O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. R

You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of I mine please God.

I will rejoice $^{\scriptscriptstyle |}$ in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, $^{\perp}$ O my soul.

Hal- | lelujah!

SECOND READING Galatians 5:1, 13-26

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

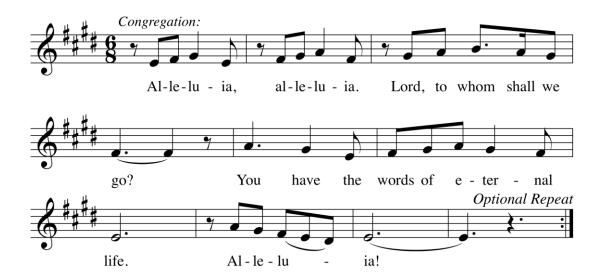
Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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* GOSPEL John 14:8—17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

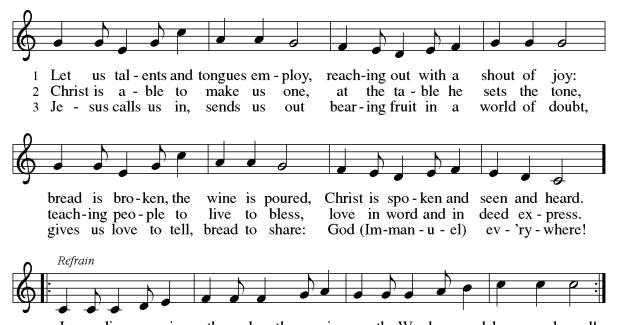
CHILDREN'S TIME Vicar Sam Menapace

SERMON Vicar Sam Menapace

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

ELW 674



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

* APOSTLES' 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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially Dan, Irving, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, and Susan. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Guide us during this time of transition and discernment. As the search for a new pastor continues, bless the transition team and all who have taken on extra responsibilities and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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

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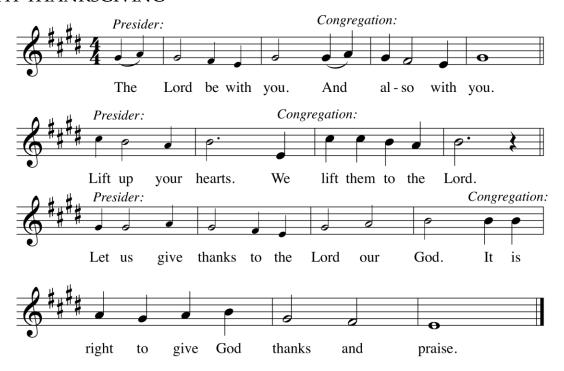
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* OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

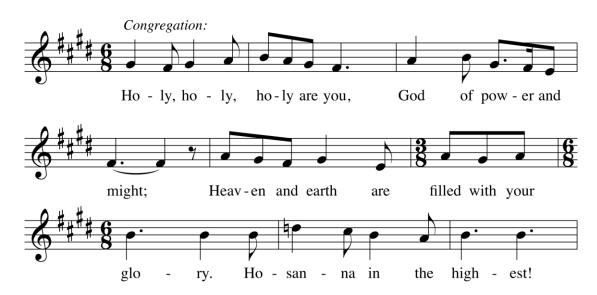
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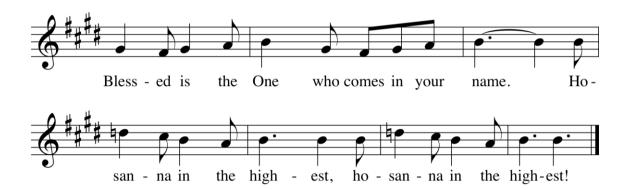
* GREAT THANKSGIVING



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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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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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

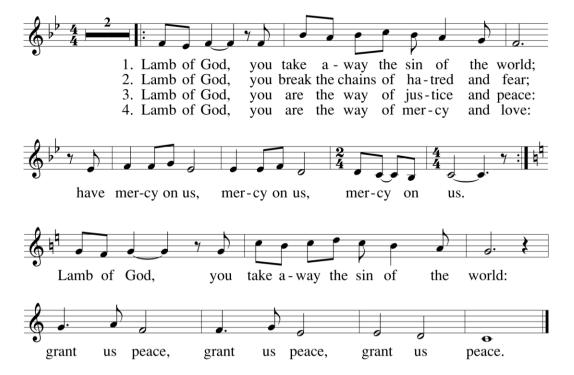
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

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 (red) and grape juice (white) are available in each tray.

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

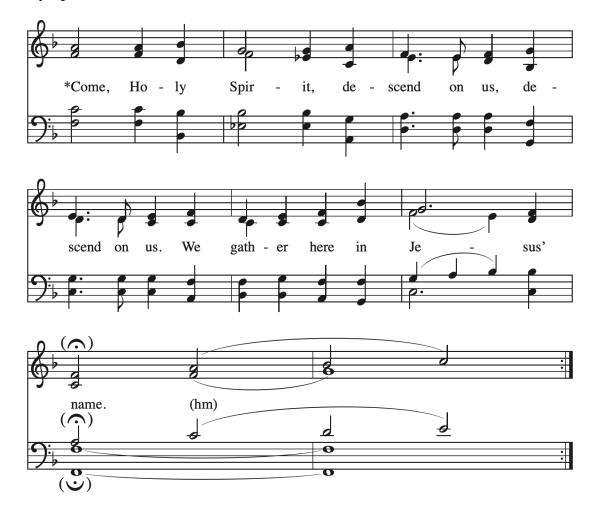


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COMMUNION HYMN

"Come Holy Spirit, Descend"

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*Additional verses ad lib:
Come, Breath of heaven, . . .
Come, Word of mercy, . . .
Come, Fire of judgment, . . .
Come, great Creator, . . .
Come to unite us, . . .
Come to disturb us, . . .
Come to inspire us, . . .

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: BREATH OF HEAVEN, John L. Bell

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



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* BLESSING

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

Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

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 \pm give you peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the beginning of this summer season, we wish to recognize all those members who help make Sunday morning worship and education hour possible. As we recognize the different groups, please stand when your ministry is called. We have a token of appreciation for coordinators/chairs of these committees. Applause as a sign of thanks is appropriate!

Acolytes Adult Education Forum Presenters & Committee

Altar Guild Sunday School Teachers

Choir/Cantors/Musicians OWL Teachers
Deacons Coffee Guild
Lectors Party Committee

Livestream Operators IT Team

Ushers Social Ministry Committee

continued

A reading from 1 Corinthians: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

Let us Pray,

Almighty and creative God, you have given your people a variety of gifts and talents. We thank you for all who serve this assembly in worship, hospitality, education, and music. Let our various ministries witness to the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

* SENDING HYMN

"Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness call-ing and free; rest-less-ness, Spir - it, Spir-it of stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the you called to You moved on the the deep, wa ters, You swept through the des ert, you stung with the sand, hill, You sang in a sta ble, you cried from a You call from to - mor schemes. row, you break an-cient

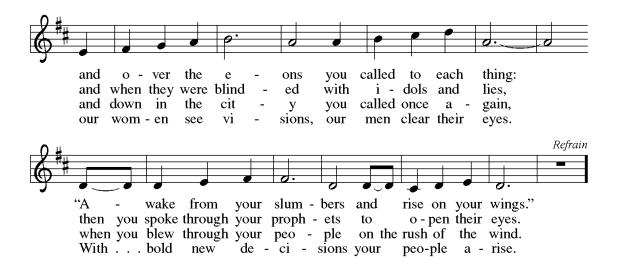
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sleep;

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys

and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was

From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Mazurka in A minor, Op. 67 No. 4

F. Chopin (1810-1849)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING HAPPENINGS at **SAINT PAUL**



POTENTIAL SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

We are looking to start a regular Bible Study for our members over the summer. Think you might be interested? Let us know here:



THE CAT TRAIN HAS LEFT THE STATION!

You have been hearing and reading about the St. Paul Church Assessment Tool (CAT). By now you should have received the link and the QR Code to the CAT through both posted mail and email. If you haven't already, please set aside 15-20 mins to complete the assessment. The information gained from this tool will be critical to our leaders as they plan for our future.

PLEASE . . . MAKE THIS A PRIORITY THIS WEEK if you haven't already shared your experiences and perspectives by participating in this important step in our process.

If you need a paper copy, please ask and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Copies will also be available after Sunday services.

For further information, please contact Sandy Walker sbwalker127@gmail.com or 513-373-7782.

Many thanks,

The CAT Team:

Hollie Schmidt, Lionel Goulet, Marie Breitenbach, Nicole Rura, Rob Badzey, Sandy Walker

ST. PAUL SUMMER RETREAT WEEKEND AT CAMP CALUMET | August 22-24

Calumet Retreat! St. Paul Calumet Retreat. Weekend of August 22-24. 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! Register using this form: https://rb.gy/mi7doh

SUMMER FAITH FORMTION OPPORTUNITY | Vacation Bible School with First Waltham

Children ages 3 years old - 5th grade are invited to join First Lutheran in Waltham's weeklong Vacation Bible School program from July 7-11, 2025. This year's theme is "Road Trip." For more information, check out the registration form (see QR code). If you have questions, please talk to Vicar Sam.





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May 22, 2025

Samantha Menapace, Vicar c/o Ms. Kerri Frick, President St. Paul's Lutheran Church 929 Concord Tumpike Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Samantha,

This letter authorizes you to preside at the Eucharist at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Arlington, MA, on June 8 and August 3, both in 2025.

Please put notices in the bulletins that you preside with my permission on those days.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Nathan D. Pipho, Bishop

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