

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, June 14, 2026

9:30 AM

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We are happy you have joined us for worship today. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, you are welcome here—you are a blessing to this assembly. We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.

We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

Lutherans believe, teach, and confess that in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All who are drawn in faith are welcome to join in this confession and receive the Sacrament.

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. With this service bulletin you can follow and participate in this morning's liturgy.

New to St. Paul? If you have questions or want more information, please fill out a newcomer form with the QR code at the right. Questions about transferring membership from another Lutheran church, or for beginning the process for baptism, confirmation, membership, or transferring from one of the other Christian traditions, may be directed to the Church Office at 781-646-7773 or parishadmin@stpaularlington.org.



SUNDAY SERVICE

9:30am | Holy Communion & livestreamed
10:30am | Coffee Hour in Goodman Fellowship Hall
or outdoors

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.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY:

Jennifer Parker, Lydia Zuehsow & Kim Fectel, *Altar Guild*
Kevin Kreutter, *Lector*
Sandy Walker, *Assisting Minister*
Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*
Hollie Schmidt & Mat Carter, *Livestream Broadcast Team*
Peter & 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 ☒, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

ELW 883

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

* 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

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-
 est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from the book of Exodus.

[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 6 but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

**Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Word of God, word of life.

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.

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

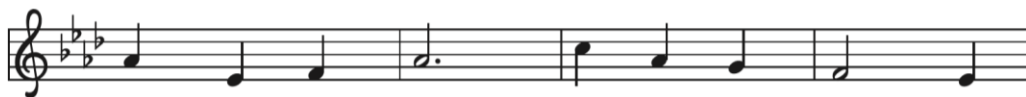
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND SERMON

Pastor Don Larsen

* HYMN OF THE DAY

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

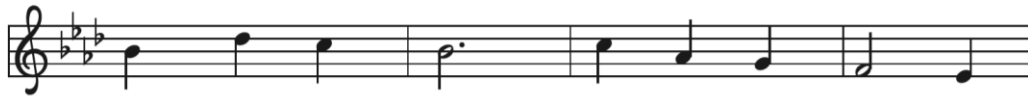
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1	God’s work,	our	hands:	work - ing	to - geth - er,
2	God’s work,	our	feet:	trav - ’ling	to - geth - er,
3	God’s work,	our	voice:	sing - ing	to - geth - er,
4	God	is	at work	in and	a - round us:



build - ing	a	fu - ture,	re - pair - ing	the	world,
fol - low - ing	Je - sus	to	plac - es	un - known,	
prais - ing,	pro - claim - ing	to	all who	will	hear,
seed - lings	are	sprout - ing	and	bread’s	on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

APOSTLES CREED

With praise and gratitude, we confess our faith.

**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 power of 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

As is our custom, please face one another across the center aisle. The deacon invites us to prayer and offers the first intercession. As you are moved to pray, you are invited to pray any of the following intercessions aloud.

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction especially Lebanon, Palestine and Isreal, Ukraine, Iran, Sudan and Myanmar, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries

especially Adolf, Bobby, Dan, George, Jim, Kate, Lynn, Mark, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, Roberta, and Susan. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We ask that, by your Holy Spirit, you raise up new pastors for the entire Church. Work in the lives of people who are considering whether you are calling them into ordained ministry, and bless them with conversation partners who can help them discern their paths. Continue to guide the work of our congregation's Call Committee, and bless them with the confidence that their labor will not be in vain. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of faith, we give thanks for Macrina, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, and all the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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 SONG

"All Who Are Thirsty"

ACS 981

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is for the Leader and All. The lyrics are: "All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all." The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

OFFERING

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



* OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

* 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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. 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

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“For the Troubles and the Sufferings”

ACS 1051

Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,
For the trou - bles and the suf - f'rings of the world,
im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A
God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the
um só tem - po ge - me_a cri - a - ção. Teus ou -
whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain! Lend an
vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor des - sa
ear . . . to the ris - ing cry for help from op -
gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A - pres - sa - te com
pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come! Has - ten your sal -
tu - a sal - va - ção. A tu - a paz,
va - tion, heal - ing love! We pray for peace,
ben - di - ta e_jr - ma - na - da co'a jus -
the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing
ti - ça a - bra - ce_o mun - do_in - tei - ro.
jus - tice, to cov - er and em - brace us.
Tem com - pai - xão! O teu po - der
Have mer - cy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,
sus - ten - te_o tes - te - mu - nho do teu po - vo.
the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:



Teu rei - no ve - nha a nos! Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son!
un - til your king - dom comes. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son!

Text: Rodolfo Gaede Neto, b. 1951; tr. Simeí Monteiro, b. 1943, and Jorge Lockward, b. 1965
Music: PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO, Rodolfo Gaede Neto

* 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

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

RECOGNITION OF THE PEOPLE

Church Council

Altar Guild

Acolytes

Sunday School teachers

Adult Forum leaders

Deacons

Livestream Broadcasters

Choir and Musicians

Lectors

Coffee Guild

Theology on Tap people

Faith Formation Committee

Intern Committee

Social Ministry Committee

Nomination Committee

Worship and Music Committee

Finance Committee

Audit Committee

Ushers

Property Committee

New England Synod Voting Members

Nominating Committee

Personnel Committee

Call Committee

Transition Team

Ministry Site Profile team (MSP team)

Church Assessment Tool (CAT team)

* BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor † and grant you peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW 661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo-ry

and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
 Music: HANKEY, William G. Fischer, 1835–1912

*** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and*
UPCOMING HAPPENINGS *at* SAINT PAUL

ST. PAUL CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are in regular contact with the New England Synod staff and actively partnering to ensure timely response to any potential pastoral candidate interest. Over the past week, several potential candidates have reached out to NE Synod staff for initial information and have requested St. Paul's Ministry Site Profile. We are hopeful we could receive the next candidate profile(s) in the next two weeks. Each pastor needs time to work through their own discernment and prepare a written profile before indicating their interest to enter a call process.

As mentioned in our last update, the synod staff have seen, both regionally and nationally, increased call and movement activity in the May – July time frame as it can be a good time for individuals and families to consider a change. All of us can support the process by reaching out and reminding pastors both in New England and beyond that St. Paul's is in the Call Process. Personal outreach to pastors we know, or meet, could aid in reaching another pastor who might consider discerning a call with us.

We all share the desire to settle in with our new pastor at St. Paul. However, this process takes time and thoughtful consideration of competing needs. We invite you to bring any recommendations or questions to any one of us on the Call Committee.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support.

God's Peace,

St. Paul Call Committee: John Christianson, Josh Davis, Maile Takahashi Hedland, Tommy McCauley, Kelli Oliver, Sandy Walker (Chair), Taryn Walsh (alternate).

ARLINGTON EATS | June Spotlight Items

- Boxed Mac & Cheese (Kraft, Goodles)
- Granola Bars (especially MadeGood, Kind Bars, Z Bars, Yumi Bars)
- Snack Packs (especially Goldfish, Pirate's Booty)
- Dried Fruit & Nuts (almonds, walnuts, dates, cranberries, dried apples, mango)
- Dried Seaweed
- Roasted Seeds (pumpkin, sunflower)
- Soy Sauce
- Dish Soap
- Baby wipes

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY | July 8

Group Volunteer Opportunity at the Food Link Hub in Arlington on Wednesday July 8 from 3:30-4:30. This is a hand-on experience, activities may include sorting produce and non-perishable food, packaging baked goods, loading/unloading vehicles with supplies, and cleaning tasks inside and/or outside the building. Our group is limited to 10 individuals, Adults and Children age 10-18 accompanied by adult. This event requires registration and waivers. Contact Jan Sniffen for further details.

ST. PAUL CAMP CALUMET RETREAT | August 21-23

Our annual St. Paul Retreat at Camp Calumet is happening August 21-23, 2026. All are welcome to join us for a weekend of relaxation, reflection, and relationship building at this idyllic spot in NH. Please contact Julie at julie@calumet.org to book a room. Have some questions, contact Sarah (stpaularlingtonfamily@gmail.com) to find out more.



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