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**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*Our Purpose: Led by the Word of God, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is a family who lives and shares the gospel of Jesus Christ through love and service to all.*

August 14, 2022

9:30 AM

**Pentecost 11**

*After the ringing of the bell ...*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

HYMN

*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

**LBW #379**

**1 Spread, O spread, almighty word,  
spread the reign of God the Lord;  
Tell how his only Son he gave,  
All from sin and death to save.**

**2 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,  
Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price,  
gave himself as sacrifice.**

**3 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n  
now to guide us on to heav'n,  
strong and holy, just and true,  
working both to will and do.**

**4 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See your light and heed your call.**

GREETING AND LITANY

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

You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**A people holy to the Lord our God.**

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

**But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**



**☐** Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



**I** Great and won- der- ful are your deeds, O God of the u- ni- verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na- tions.



Who can fail to hon- or you, Lord, and sing the glo- ry of your name?



**☐** Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



**II** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re- vealed.



**☐** Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING     Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

## PSALM 82

*Read responsively*

LBW p. 253

<sup>1</sup>God takes his stand in the council of heaven;  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:  
<sup>2</sup>**“How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?”**  
<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;  
<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**  
<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.  
<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**  
<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.”  
<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—  
<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the

ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!*

*Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!*

*Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures.*

*Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to You!*

*Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-56

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION

HYMN

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

**LBW #334**

**1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me,  
Over life's tempestuous sea:  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal;  
Chart and compass come from Thee—  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!**

**2 As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!**

**3 When at last I near the shore,  
And the fearful breakers roar  
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest—  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me:  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee!"**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

p. 49-50

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.  
**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;  
**pray in the Holy Spirit.**  
Keep yourselves in the love of God;  
**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.  
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.  
*Silence for reflection and self examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.  
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PEACE

p. 50

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Peace be with you.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

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*Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.  
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;  
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.*

OFFERING PRAYER

God, our Creator,

**You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for  
your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND CAR KEYS

Dear God,

as we get ready to start another year in school,  
we ask your blessing on these backpacks, bags and car keys.  
Especially bless the learners and teachers who use them.

As they return to school this year,

bless them with:

an eagerness to learn and teach, that their world may grow large;  
respect for all young and old.

Help students form healthy relationships.

Give all a love for the world around them,  
that they may become citizens that care.

Give happiness when the task is easy  
and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard.

Give all faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.

We ask that you would protect all of these, your own children.

Watch over them and keep them safe when they are on the road

and gathered in classrooms.

Especially guide the travels of new drivers who have just received their driving privileges.

Help all to discover

the different gifts that you have given each one of them  
to be used in your work in the world.

As they hear the many voices that will fill their days,

help them to listen most carefully for your voice,

the one that tells them you will love them always,

no matter what.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our partners in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by discrimination. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep (*concerns may be named*). In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## BLESSING

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

HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

**WOV #776, vs. 1&4**

**1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
Thou my best thought by day and by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**4 Light of my Soul, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joy, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

DISMISSAL

*Go in peace, to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ through love and service to all.*

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