

*“Landmark of the Gospel Since 1834”*  
**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 7, 2022

9:30 AM

**Pentecost 10**

*After the ringing of the bell ...*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

*LBW #532 vs.1,3 &4*

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power through-out the universe displayed!**

**Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin! [Refrain]**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!” [Refrain]**

GATHERING 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.**

Since Abraham and Sarah and other wanderers settled in promised lands,  
since Mary and Paul,  
since Martin Luther and the reformers,  
since 1801 when Ohio settlers followed Native American trails into Pickaway county,  
since the 1820's when the Waltmire and Roof families and many immigrant families sought refuge in our  
nation's abundance,  
since 1834 when Rev. Roof organized farm families together for worship in this place,  
We gather to you, O God.  
**We gather to you, O God.**  
Here is the word of life,  
here is the water of rebirth,

here is the meal of mercy,  
here is the grateful assembly.

Gather us to you, O God.

**Gather us to you, O God.**

We gather, wet from the water,  
we gather, listening to the word,  
we gather, already the body of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, and gather us in love.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

*Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*

*R#191*

**1. Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,  
from this meal of love and grace;  
may we through such love envision  
whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia;  
God, the wonder of our days.**

**2. Rise, transformed, and choose to follow  
after Christ, though wounded, whole;  
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed  
to release and to console.  
Alleluia, alleluia;  
Christ, our present, past, and goal.**

**3. Rise, remember well the future  
God has called us to receive;  
present by God's loving nurture,  
Spirited then let us live.  
Alleluia, alleluia;  
Spirit, grace by whom we live.**

**4. Service be our sure vocation;  
courage be our daily breath;  
mercy be our destination  
from this day and unto death.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Rise, O church, a living faith.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We thank you, Lord God, for brave and believing people who planted your message in this place. We praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who worked in them to gather and give order to this community, and who still sustains it. Remembering all those who have gone before us, we pray that we may follow as they followed, in the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**PSALM 33:12-22**

Read responsively

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<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and beholds all the people in the world.**

<sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
on all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**He fashions all the hearts of them  
and understands all their works.**

<sup>16</sup>There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
for all its strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait upon his love,

<sup>19</sup>**to pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,  
for in his holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you.

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL VERSE

*Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING Luke 12:32-40

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION

HYMN

*Blessed Assurance*

WOV #699 vs. 1&3

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**Refrain:**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]**

APOSTLES’ CREED

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**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**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

*A brief silence.*

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence (*especially*). Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (*especially*). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*) and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. 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.**

PEACE

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

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**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,  
for your faithfulness across the generations,  
for the talents, given by you, shared across the decades.  
Blessed are you, O God, for the timeless gift of bread and wine  
shared as the body and blood of Jesus.  
Transform us to be the body of Christ,  
that, feasting on this food and drink,  
our lives may reflect your generosity;  
through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: 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.

We thank and praise you for the Church bought with a high price,  
and above all else, for the redemption through Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
From the foot of the cross to the glorious celebration of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Renewing Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue,  
even those who gather at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.  
And so with all the witnesses of the resurrection across time and space,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

O God before time, O God at the end,  
we delight in the splendor of your universe.  
Daily we laud your continuing creation,  
the farmland that feeds and nourishes those who hunger  
and the abundant creatures that find a home among us.

**We glorify you, now and forever.**

O God of the covenant, O God of the never-ending promise,  
we hear you speaking to centuries of your people.

We come as your children to this table,

and we give thanks for the years of faithfulness in every generation.

**We praise you, now and forever.**

You gave us visionaries who planted churches, members passionate to share your good news,  
pastors and teachers, musicians and everyday servants,  
who are rooted in you and nourish our growth together.

**We bless you, now and forever.**

You came in Jesus, our wisdom, our guide,  
our Savior, our food, our wellspring of grace,  
dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world.

**We worship you, now and forever.**

*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.*

Remembering his death, the people of God cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, the people of God shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting Christ's presence in every time and place, the people of God plead:

**Let it be dear God, Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ.

Breathe new life into us through this food.

Nourish the people of God who gather at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
that we meet the challenges around us.

Preserve what is faithful; reform what we treasure; create in us what is vital and new.

**We honor you, now and forever.**

O God before time, O God at the end,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Glory and praise, blessing and worship,**

**honor and power be to you, our God, forever and ever.**

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

*Today, we commune continuously. Please sanitize your hands before you commune.*

## PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God,  
Abba, Living Water, Breath of Life,  
for nourishing our roots  
and creating us anew in this meal.  
By the power of your Spirit, renew us to live as your body,  
alive for a future of praise,  
empowered for decades of witness and service,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

WOV #771

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

### **Refrain:**

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above**

**join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

DISMISSAL

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

*Serving in mission together: Pastor Laura Cavendish and the members of St. Paul*

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