

“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.

June 19, 2022

9:30 AM

Pentecost 3

After the ringing of the bell ...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

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

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

LBW #500

**1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Refrain:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.**

**2 The martyrs chained in prisons dark
were still in heart and conscience free,**

**and bless'd would be their children's fate
if they, like them, should die for thee! [Refrain]**

**3 Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife,
proclaim thee, too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life! [Refrain]**

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LBW#345, vs.1,3, & 5

**1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.**

**3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place;
My never failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.**

**5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.
²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
⁴who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵who say, “Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
⁶See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
⁸Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, “Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,”
so I will do for my servants’ sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

PSALM 22:19-28

Read responsively

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¹⁹Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
²⁰**Save me from the lion’s mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
²¹I will declare your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
²²**Praise the LORD, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.**
²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
²⁴**My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:
“May your heart live forever!”
²⁶**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD;
he rules over the nations.
²⁸**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 8:26-39

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION

HYMN

This is the Spirit's Entry Now

RWS #164

**1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard.**

**2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;**

**the perfect man from life was torn;
our life comes through his death.**

**3 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as followers of his way.**

**4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal power
that washes us through all our days.
Lord, cleanse again this hour.**

HOLY BAPTISM with APOSTLES' CREED

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PRESENTATION

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sponsor: We present Ada Elizabeth Mabe to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In Christian love you have presented Ada Elizabeth for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents and Sponsors: We do.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the

promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Ada Elizabeth Mabe who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Parents, sponsors and congregation respond:

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?
I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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**

BAPTISM

Ada Elizabeth Mabe, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising Ada Elizabeth up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Ada Elizabeth: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. **Amen**

Ada Elizabeth, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**

Congregational Representative: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Stephen and Evelin as they parent Ada Elizabeth. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Ada Elizabeth. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with Ada Elizabeth the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

WELCOME

Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. Especially bless Ada Elizabeth as she joins us all in mission this day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of the earth. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that renew and preserve our earth and all its creatures. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick (*especially*). Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You are our rock and hiding place. Keep safe all this who gather at the Pickaway County Fair this week. Protect those who move and care for animals. Keep children safe and help teenagers make wise decisions as they enjoy all that the fair brings. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

Amen.

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

Response:

Heavenly Father,

bless them all.

God of all creation,

pour out your blessing on all fathers
and those who provide fatherly care.

You have made them in your image
and given them children to love and care for in your name.

Heavenly Father,

bless them all.

Bless fathers with a heart like your heart:
discerning and thoughtful, bold and decisive,
compassionate and loving.

Heavenly Father,

bless them all.

As fathers model for their children
the life that is lived by faith and not by sight,
grant them courage under pressure
and confidence in your power.

Heavenly Father,

bless them all.

When troubles threaten to overwhelm them,
grant them your coping calm.

When doubts give rise to anxiety,
shore up their trust in your promises.

When joy fills their days,
grant them a keen gratitude for your abundant supply of grace.

Heavenly Father,
bless them all.

Season fathers with a lively sense of humor, Lord,
for it will make life richer for us all.
In all circumstances preserve them as your own.

Heavenly Father,
bless them all.

We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

PEACE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance:
you gift us with many blessings.
As we are equipped by your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
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

In Christ there is No East or West

LBW #359

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding all mankind.

3 Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in Him
throughout the whole wide earth.

DISMISSAL

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

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