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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.*

June 7, 2026

10:30 AM

**Pentecost 2**

*After the ringing of the bell...*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ’s name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God’s love.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**LBW 479 vs. 1-3**

**1 My faith looks up to thee,**

**Thou Lamb of Calvary,**

**Savior divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray,**

**take all my guilt away,**

**Oh, let me from this day**

**be wholly thine!**

**2 May thy rich grace impart**

**strength to my fainting heart,**

**my zeal inspire;**

As thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God has gathered us to this place,  
**where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.**  
God summons us to this place,  
**where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.**  
God will send us from this place,  
**to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15**

<sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

<sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

<sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification

**VERSE**

*Alleluia.* In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, **and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. *Alleluia.*** (2 Cor. 5:19)

**GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but

those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PROCLAMATION

#### HYMN

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

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#### Refrain:

**There is a balm in Gilead  
 To make the wounded whole;  
 There is a balm in Gilead  
 To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**1 Some times I feel discouraged,  
 And think my work’s in vain,  
 But then the Holy Spirit  
 Revives my soul again. (Refrain)**

**2 If you cannot preach like Peter,  
 If you cannot pray like Paul,  
 You can tell the love of Jesus,  
 And say "He died for all." (Refrain)**

**3 Don't ever feel discouraged,  
 For Jesus is your friend,  
 And if you lack for knowledge  
 He'll not refuse to lend. (Refrain)**

#### APOSTLES' CREED

LBW p. 84

**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**

#### **THE PRAYERS**

Each petition ends "God of grace, **hear our prayer.**"

*Christ's peace is shared....*

#### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

**LBW p. 96**

**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.**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you,  
**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### **DIALOGUE**

**LBW p. 87**

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

**LBW p. 89**

**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.**

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.

**LBW p. 89**

**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.**

*The communion is shared.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**LBW #551**

**1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine!**

**DISMISSAL**

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

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