

Pentecost 7–July 27, 2025

Prelude *Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Prelude is played.*

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Absolution

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- L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C Amen.
- L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.
- L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

Apostolic Greeting

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

Glory to God Pg. 167

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest, Amen, amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalms 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹ bove all things.**

³ When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your pur- ¹ pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ¹ of your hands.**

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation Page 171

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

Holy Gospel according to Luke 11th C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

See next pg.

Verse 1

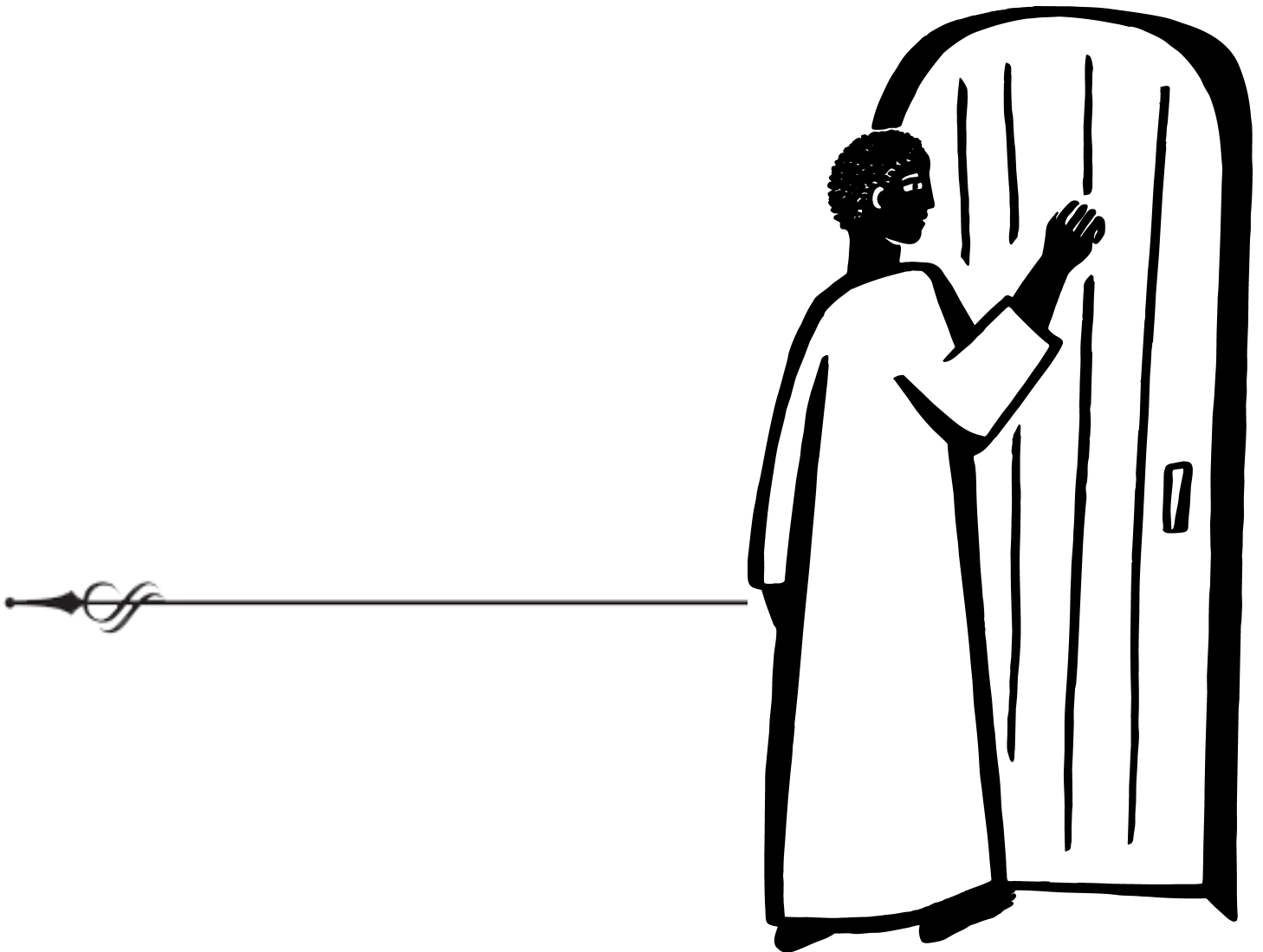
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Verse 2

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia.

Verse 3

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.



Apostles' Creed

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 Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
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 the People

L: As Abraham interceded for Sodom, and as Jesus told us to ask and seek persistently, so we are bold in our praying for others that their sins be forgiven and their needs be met.

AM: For the Body of Christ, the Church, that we pray zealously for one another, and never cease to hold up the world's needs, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the nations and people of the planet, that for the sake of the righteous, God's harshest judgements, and our own, would be replaced by grace and mercy, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all God's good creation, that to honor our common maker, we defend, protect, and restore our only home, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For those suffering from natural disasters, and those who rush to their rescue, that their grief may find comfort in their neighbors' acts of kindness, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For those suffering from human wickedness, and those who try to protect them, that they may be freed from hate, hurt, and harm, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all children, God's precious gift of a new generation, that adults will guard, guide, and nurture them as they mature and thrive, Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any needs you now lift out loud or in silence.....Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all these and any other needs we have, Lord, we offer our prayers. **People. Amen.**

The Peace

L The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another. The Offering is received, and the table is prepared.

Anthem: Praise God Words & Music: Robert T. McAlpine Arr. Don Besig

My Lord and God he leadeth me. He is my strength everyday. When I am filled with hopelessness, he will show me the way. And I will praise God, praise God, praise the Lord my God by the morning light. And I will praise God, praise God, praise the Lord my God every night. I know that my God is filled with love. He knows my thoughts when I pray, when I pray. He takes my prayers and he uses them in his own special way. And I will praise God, praise God, praise the Lord my God by the morning light. And I will praise God, praise God, praise the Lord my God every night. And when I see all the gifts of God, things that he does just for me; Leaves of autumn and green of spring showing me God's love is free. And I will praise God, praise God, praise the Lord my God by the morning light. And I will praise God, praise God, praise the Lord my God every night. I will praise my God day and night!

Offertory Hymn ELW 185 Create in Me a Clean Heart

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. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

The Leader speaks the offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L 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,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 Agnus Dei pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

All are warmly welcomed by Christ to his table and feast.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. **C Amen.**

Postlude

Please maintain a reverent quiet as the Postlude is.

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Peggy Ali
Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta

Kathleen Bowler
Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Nancy Campbell
Angelo & Nicole Capasso
Carol Cianciolo

Emma Cortina
Leif Dallaire
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson
Winifried Diorio

Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott
Walt Esker
Jan Eucalitto
Jennifer Ezzo

Bruce & Liz Falls
Tommy Fitzpatrick
Ashley Friday
John Fox
Joan Gerard

Liam Gregg
Danise Hall
Jack & Barbara Heintz
Brayden Herzberg
Renate Higgins

Charles Hilton
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley
Sven Holmgren

Erma Horn
Eunice Jones
Lynn Killingbeck
Marilyn Killingbeck

Maria Koskovich
Jason Lashbrook
John Lewis
David Little
Rebecca Little
Michael Maccalous
Kari Machowski
Mary Ellen Mackinnon
Jerry MacManus
Irene Madore
Audrey Marquard

Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin

Gladys Medina
Michael Meyers
Kate Merrow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller

Martin Mueller
Dennis Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family

Russell Palmer
Maria Payne
Caroline Quintal
Ed & Susan Regner
Jonathan Richard

Louise Roche
Mark Rose
Holly Schaff
Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Dena Seelye
Matt Simpson

Margo Skaret
Dana Steele
Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
Dana & George Steele

Jennifer Stella
Deb & Jon Sterling
Tom Sterling Sr.
Tom Sterling Jr.
RuthAnn Stone
Patricia Switzer
Gloria Thibault
Andy Thomas
Julia Thompson Carroll
Susan Tycieski

Steve Warner
Renee Woodard
Clayton Young
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed
Jen O.

Jaiden
Shirley
Steve
Lou W.
Steve

Todd
Robert K.
Terry
Joe
Carol G.

Kristen & Jared
Vinny
Hagbard
Carolina
Robert P.

Peanut
Colleen
Ken
Kathy
Jaxson

Gail
F.C.H.
Chantel
Stephan
Helene B.
Jason R

Friends and Family of Louie Friday

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Calvin Bensch
Judy Schaller
Ernest Marquard
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James Ernst
USCG
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz
Swab Aiden Avenia USCG
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
South Road Concert	7/26	5:30 pm
VBS	Week of 8/4	9:00 am
Finance Meeting	8/6	6:00 pm
Council	8/11	7:00 pm

Pastor Vacation August 11- 19

Rachel Vacation August 11-17

Bible Study Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
and in person Wednesday mornings at
10:00 am.

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays

Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$4,561
Received	\$2,166
Shortfall	(\$2,395)
YTD shortfall	(\$42,306)

Minimalist bulletin

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Prayer of the Day

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Psalm

Second Reading

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Reading of the Holy Gospel

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

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Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) pg. 146

Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Postlude

There will be a special congregation meeting Wed, Aug 20 at 7pm,

Items to be discussed: 1. a proposal for a solar array and roof refinishing
2. HVAC upgrade. All Voting Members are encouraged to attend.

What is a Voting Member?

1. Must be an official member of St. Paul's
2. Must have received communion in the last 12 months
3. Must have made a "contribution of record" in last 12 months. This means a financial donation that can be attributed to you.

If you have any doubt about your status as a voting member, please contact the office.

Opportunity! We're looking for a new artistic director to help us re-start our famous Puppettude ministry. If interested, please see Pastor Cady or Judy Ludwig

