

10th Sunday after Pentecost — August 2, 2026

Prelude

O Christ, Our Light, Our Radiance True

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

WOV Pg. 10

L: The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: 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 and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage 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, 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.

P: Amen

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

Text and Music: African American spiritual

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Apostolic Greeting

WOV Pg. 28

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also, with you

Gloria

WOV Pg. 29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, 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. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also, with you

L: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;

and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **P: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 *chanted responsively*

- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- ⁹ **Lord, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works. R**
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord,
and you give them their food | in due season.**
- ¹⁶ You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works. R**
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.**
- ²⁰ You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.
- ²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise | of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever. R**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

WOV Pg. 31

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

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 14th Chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story

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Apostles' Creed

**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

L: Nurtured in both body and spirit by Christ, the living bread from heaven, we offer our intercessions for all in any need. Lord. in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

L: First, let us read the first names from our prayer list that the Lord may care for them in their times of struggle.... (Am and L alternate reading names) When finished, AM says: Lord. in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the Body of Christ, the global church, that those who hunger for grace may see signs of it in our words and deeds, and that those who cry out for daily bread may experience our generosity, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For the powerful in the world, that they may tend to the signs of hunger, or other needs, that their position or resources allows them to address. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: For our abundant earth, that its bounty may be distributed so as to relieve physical starvation, and that its beauty, wonder, and complexity may feed human souls, Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: For all children, that their hungers, physical and spiritual, may not be neglected by those who can keep them nourished, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For any other needs you now offer in speech or in silence... Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

L: For all these, and whatever else will feed our deepest needs, we seek from your gracious hand, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**
Amen

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received

Anthem

Crowded Table

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You can hold my hand when you need to let go. I can be a mountain when you're feeling valley low. I can be a streetlight showing you the way home, if you can hold my hand when you need to let go.

CHORUS: I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for everyone. Let us take on the world while we're young and able and bring us back together when the day is done.

VERSE: If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seeds, plant a little happiness, let the roots run deep. If it's love that we give, then it's love that we reap. If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seeds.

CHORUS: I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for everyone. Let us take on the world while we're young and able and bring us back together when the day is done.

BREAK: The door always open your pictures on my wall. Everyone's a little broken, and everyone belongs. Yeah, everyone belongs.

CHORUS: I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for everyone. Let us take on the world while we're young and able and bring us back together when the day is done.

And bring us back together when the day is done and bring us back together when the day is done.

Offertory Hymn

WOV Pg. 35

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 dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – WOV Pg. 36-40

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is chanted

L: 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:

Sanctus

P: 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. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

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.

Communion is distributed.

**Communion Music *Lord You Give the Great Commission*
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling
*Arise My Soul Arise***

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

WOV Pg. 41

L: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

P: Amen

Closing Hymn *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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Dismissal

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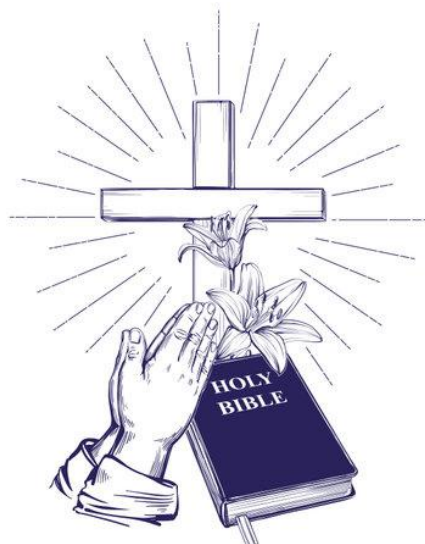
AM: Assisting Minister: Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

P: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand-up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott
Casaundra Abeling
Roberta Alteri
Ben, Sheryl & Nic Ahrens
Michelle Ahrens

Charlotte Madia
Audrey Marquard
Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Richard Marine

Justin Wade &
Family
Eveyln Walters
Sue Watkins
James Weber

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Mae Fay
Francine Aherns
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray

Coni Aparo
Charlie Blakeslee
Kathy Ann Campbell
Angelo & Nicole Capasso
Vinni Carey

Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Michael Meyers
Brigitte Mueller
Bob Murphy

Diane Wright
Bruce Yauney
Clayton Young
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed

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.

Kathleen Wiley Kelly
Emma Cortina
Emily Decker
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott

Barbara Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Karen Pagano
Maria Payne

Jaiden
Steve
Lou W.
Todd
Robert K.

Diane Engle
Jan Eucalitto
Weston Faith
Amy Falls
Bruce & Liz Falls

Melissa Pilbin
Lisa & Dennis Polzun
Ed & Susan Regner
Baerbel Roehl
Andi Craig

Hagbard
Peanut
Diane L.
Judy Elliott
Pam Ewing

Rosemarie Foth
Steven Fosbrook
Bob Frantz
Christine & Fran Gaffney

Vincent Scarrozzo
Jean Schlapfer
Sarah Seelye
Patricia & Richard
Sawitzke

Michelle
Marci
Kyle W.
Rowan
Stefan Nikola J.

Danise Hall
Renate Higgins
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Shaelynn Holmgren

Paul Smith
Sigrid Smitley
Lori Sola
Deb & Jon Sterling
Tom Sterling Sr.

Janet E.
Wendy Fedor
Laurie Otis
Jackie Fleming
John Fleming

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beuis
Ethan & his Marine Unit
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Fr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
Ben Speaker

Bob Hauser
Rusty Judd
Marge Kiernan
Marilyn Killingbeck

Ruth Ann Stone
Patricia Switzer
Diane Tanner
The Videtto Family

Ethan Troy Danner
Kiley Lombardo
Fred Rabayta &
family

John Lewis
David Little
The family & friends of
Cecile Scheidel

Lucille Videtto
Carol Vrlík

Terry
Ryan English
Mae Johnson

Noah Braatz
Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia
Sydney Craig & her Army unit



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Bring your backpacks to church!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 23, 2026

during 10:00 am worship service

Everyone is asked to bring in school supplies and backpacks to be donated to children in need.

Around the Church

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Finance Committee	8/5	6:00 pm
Property Committee	8/6	7:00 pm
Community Soup Kitchen	8/9	
Men's & Women's Breakfast	8/19	8:30 am
Worship & Music		
Committee (zoom)	8/20	6:00 pm
IT (zoom)	8/20	7:00 pm
Hilltop Parent's Orientation	8/26	6-8:00 pm
Toastmasters	8/26	7:00 pm
Next Concert		
Blue Rhythm Band, Sat. Aug. 29 th – 5:30-7 pm		

Tuesdays

New Tai Chi class 10-11:30am \$12

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
In person Bible Study Wednesdays
10:00 am

Wednesdays

Members Tai Chi 11:00 am
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received	\$2,481
Shortfall	\$3,809

Special need - one of our family's needs significant help following the storm and some medical issues. Please consider offering some gift cards which are available in the narthex.

Minimalist bulletin

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The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady

Music Director Marcia Newcome

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- **VBS is cancelled for this summer.**
- **Christmas Eve survey please fill it out if you have not already.**
- **Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.**
- **Looking ahead, we'll be taking a large group picture of you all on September 20, Rally Day, for use in publicity. Anyone who does not want to be in the picture will be able to exit first.**
- **Sandra Heintz (a church member) is searching for someone to help walk her small rescue dog a few times a day while she is home convalescing from a fall. If interested, please contact her at (860) 489-7511.**