

8th Sunday after Pentecost - July 26, 2020 – St. Paul's Lutheran Church

9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

stand

OPENING SONG – Jesus, Priceless Treasure LBW 457 (See music insert)

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.

You are the treasured people of the Lord,

a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

**Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe;
just and true are your ways, O ruler of all the nations.**

Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

**For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you,
for your just and holy works have been revealed.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (Celebrate p.1)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

be seated

FIRST READING - 1 Kings 3:5-12 (Celebrate p.1)

PSALM - Psalm 119:129-136 (Celebrate p.2)

SECOND READING - Romans 8:26-29 (Celebrate p.3)

stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us as you open to us the Scriptures.

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (*Celebrate p.3*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

be seated

MEDITATION & MUSICAL INTERLUDE

stand

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.
Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you welcomed us. We sin in thought, word and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope, for hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Celebrate p.4*)

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

Amen

CLOSING SONG – *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* LBW 221 (*See music insert*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE