

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Worship**  
**Sunday, August 29, 2021 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Setting One of the ELW*

Prelude - *Variations on Puer Nobis Nascitur*, by P. Sweelinck

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **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.**

**C** **Amen.**

**P** 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.**

**Gathering Song - Gather Us In**

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**Greeting**

**P** 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.**

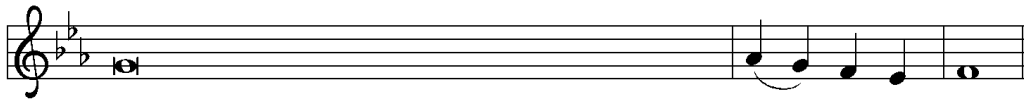
**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



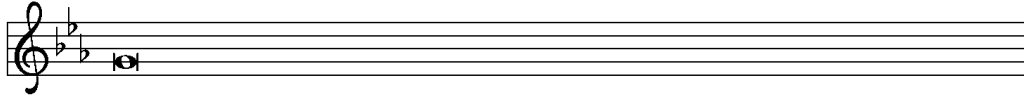
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



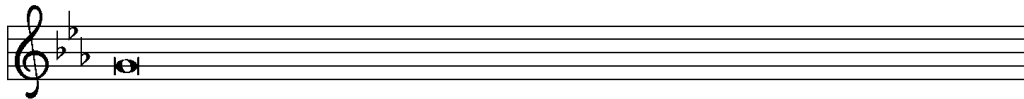
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE – THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Lord be with you  
C **And also with you**  
P Let us pray

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **WORD**

##### **Children's Message**

#### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

#### **Psalm: Psalm 15**

*(spoken responsively by verse)*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>1</sup> tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do <sup>1</sup> what is right,  
who speak the truth <sup>1</sup> from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>1</sup> to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- <sup>1</sup> on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take <sup>1</sup> back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- <sup>1</sup> gainst the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be <sup>1</sup> overthrown.

#### **Second Reading: James 1:17-27**

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

### Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’  
<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand:  
<sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day - Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

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### **Affirmation of Baptism**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present

Megan Cunningham  
Connor and Karen Davis  
Kati Moore  
Emily Pauline  
Phil and Lorrel Strom-Jensen

who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers,  
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.  
You have called them to yourself,  
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished them in the community of faith.  
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism.  
You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in  
the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and  
unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

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, 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.**

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.**

#### **AFFIRMATION**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

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?

*Each person responds:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in these people the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for individuals in positions of authority (*national and local leaders may be named*). Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year (*students, teachers, or others may be named here*). Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We pray for all who are in need, (*especially*) Barbara, Jan, Tony, JoAnn, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis, Leslie, Bob, Ellie, Gus, Barbara, David, Ted, Naomi, and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart.

Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**Offering**

Offertory - *This Is My Father's World*, arr. Augsburg Fortress

## Offertory - Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G, then a half note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. The second staff continues with a half note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. The third staff begins with a half note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. The fourth staff continues with a half note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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## Offertory Prayer

**P** Let us pray together

**C** God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

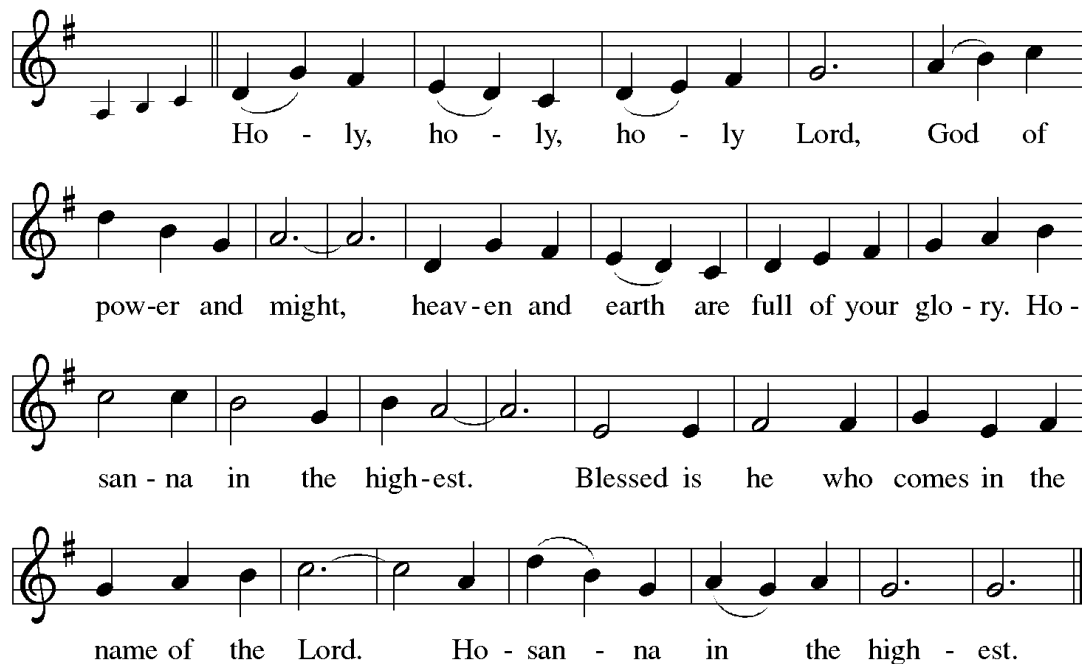
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G, then a half note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. The second staff continues with a half note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. The third staff begins with a half note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. The fourth staff continues with a half note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a half note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G.

## Preface

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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
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 all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.  
 Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.  
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**P** Come to the banquet for all is ready.

### **COMMUNION SONG – LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond Amen.*

### COMMUNION HYMN – This Is My Father’s World

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### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

### SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

***We give you thanks, almighty God...***

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

***OR***

***O God, we give you thanks...***

A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*OR*

***God of abundance...***

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **Farewell and Godspeed for Jacqueline Nappi**

#### **SENDING**

P 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 + give you peace.

**C Amen**

#### **SENDING HYMN – When in Our Music God Is Glorified**

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#### **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C We will. Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude - Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543, by J. S. Bach*

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✙ To the Glory of God by the Fennimore Family

#### **Increase in cost for Altar Flowers**

As you are aware, many items are seeing an increase in costs, and flowers are one of those increases we are faced with. Beginning September 1, our weekly costs for Altar flowers will be \$80, which breaks down to \$40 each vase (up from \$30 each). We have tried to keep the price at a cost of one vase per recognition, but we are not seeing many Sundays with two recognitions which places us behind. If you would like to make a recognition through a request for Altar Flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium. Sign up for the day(s) you would like to request, pick up an envelope and form in the lower box and turn in your request form(s) and payment at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, please speak with a staff person.

**Prayer of the Church** (Members): Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Tony Perrotte, JoAnn Bowman, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis Jenkins, Leslie Johnson, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Gus Holshouser, Barbara Shade, David Dahl, Ted Dominick, Naomi Watson, Karen Shoaf (deployment)

**Prayer List Changes** – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time**, email staff, or call the office.

**Prayer of the Church (Friends):** Kay Matthews [Tony's mother], Robert Meissner [Tony's uncle], and Dian and Gina Piazza [friends] (by Tony and Penni Perrotte); Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Phillip Idom & Warner Ettinger (friends of the Perrotte's), Pamela Kildahl (sister of Wendy Waugh), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Lydia Taylor (cousin of Bee Ellertson), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Lois Horn (friend of Penni Perrotte), Marti Casalino (friend of Marcia Redman), David Deardorff (cousin of Marlene Coulter), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Michelle Meadors, Gad Kainer, Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, Chuck Noll (friend of the Waugh's), Armenia and Artsakh (friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (parents of Bill Wilson), Marjorie Bower (daughter of Doug and Fran Whitfield), Linda Leslie (mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (brother of Bob DeVries), Twila Dahl (sister-in-law of Bill Dahl and Martha Dahl), Gini Rinkus (friend of the Dominicks), Jim Allen (family member of Ted and Diana Dominick), Farmer family (cousins of Marlene Coulter), Betty Sue Dickerson and son Barry Dickerson (friends of the church), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Mike Winfree (brother-in-law of Robin Winfree), Clarence Schulze (father of Sharon Schulze), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Mary Bader, Ed Giberson (friend of Martha Dahl), Melanie (wife of Karen Shoaf), Christy (niece of Marlene Coulter)

**Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays** on Zoom from 10-11. Here is the info:

Topic: Coffee Hour, Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRlgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

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**The Tuesday Work Crew is back!** If you wish to join in – here is their schedule: They meet for Bible study on Tuesdays at 8:45-9:30 am in Trinity Hall. Then at 9:30 until noon (flexible on ending time), they perform needed tasks around the church. It can be anything from setting up or taking down tables and chairs, doing monthly/quarterly scheduled tasks which involves the elevator, fire alarm, emergency lights, etc. They also put together furniture, and do minor repairs if it falls in their comfort zone. Sometimes they go out to lunch. Feel free to stop by!

**WCPE Appeal:** During the past year, the corona virus postponed St. Paul's annual appeal in support of "Sing for Joy" a radio program of sacred music, aired by WCPE and their website, [theclassicalstation.org](http://theclassicalstation.org). Now we have an opportunity to restart our appeal and to reach the \$1000.00 goal so that St. Paul's can continue to be named on the air, as a sponsor of the WCPE show. Donors should send a check made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church but delivered to Hitch Havill at 12075 Morehead, Chapel Hill, NC, 27517. He will consolidate the checks and make sure that St. Paul's sends our funds to WCPE. Hitch also can be reached at the church following our Sunday service.

**Costumes for Dress Up or Halloween** – Looking for a Halloween costume or just want to play dress-up? Our granddaughter has a large collection of dance recital attire we would like to share! There are costumes and accessories for each. We will bring the collection to church on Sunday, Sept. 26 and they will be available right after service for any child interested. The \$5.00 donation for each ensemble will go to the support of children from Burton Elementary School. Please share this info with anyone who might be interested. Questions? -- contact Marcia Redman, 919-797-0501.

**The St. Paul's Preschool and PMO** appreciate all of the support from St. Paul's members. One easy way you can support the preschool is by linking your Harris Teeter VIC card. When you link your card to St. Paul's Preschool & PMO, we will receive a portion of your purchases from Harris Teeter. The Harris Teeter account number is **3049**. You can link in any store or online and you do not need to be a preschool parent to link your card.

**Golf Outing --** by Warren Pusak, Friends of St. Paul's Golf Committee

The next scheduled Golf Outing will be on Monday, September 13th, at 2:00 pm at The Crossings here in Durham. We tried getting together a few weeks back but that never materialized as the day we scheduled, only two of us were able to go and the thought of 100 degrees and high humidity prompted us to cancel. Please help to recruit golfers as we are behind on where I thought we might be at this time as far as donations for Camp. It would be nice to go out there with two foursomes and really catch up. As always, if anyone has questions or concerns, please let me know with a text to 919-219-4090 or drop me an email at wrpusak@aol.com. Thank you in advance and I'd love to hear back from you about coming out on the 13th!

**Thursday Bible Study** will resume on September 16. We will study Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. Pastor has purchased copies of the book and they are available in the foyer. Plan to join the discussion on Thursdays, 10:30-11:45 am. The Bible study will take place in the conference room for those who are comfortable with in-person. It will also be Zoomed for those who wish to study at home.

**St. Paul's Readers Resumes —** St. Paul's Readers invites all readers to join us for our next meeting on Thursday, September 16, at 3 pm. We plan to gather in Trinity Hall, widely spaced apart, for our discussion. Our selection is Bury Your Dead by Louise Penny. From the pen of a best loved mystery series writer, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache investigates the connection between a recent murder in Quebec City and the death of Samuel de Champlain, the founder of the city four hundred years earlier. This book is wonderfully crafted and should have broad appeal to sleuths, history lovers and readers in general. In October, we will discuss The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis. A masterpiece of religious satire, this book is one of the most engaging account of temptation -- and the triumph over it -- ever written. Please consider participating in our monthly meetings (3rd Thursdays at 3 pm). We invite all readers to join us. Please contact Katherine Trexler (katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com) with any questions. Happy Reading!

**Croasdaile Worship** will be on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm. Next date is **September 23**.

**The Church Finance Committee** would like to keep the congregation better informed of St. Paul's finances beyond the annual report. In this regard, we plan to publish in the bulletin the monthly pledged and loose offerings to annual budget and the operating expenses. "Operating expenses" are those that are listed in the annual budget, such as: staff salaries, worship, property, communication, and mortgage. Obviously, as a congregation, we give to a number of other entities, such as world hunger, campus ministry, memorials, that are not part of the pledged offerings or "operating" expenses. We will report on these from time to time as well.

As of End of July	Month	Year to Date
Giving	36,877	373,273
Expenses	46,723	336,452
Net	-10,949	36,821



### **St. Paul's In-Person Worship and Building Guidelines**

The Reopening Task Force met and reviewed the rules announced by our governor and the CDC.

- We have increased the number of people in the sanctuary and Trinity Hall to 100 each and Jackie Nappi has begun live music on the Organ.
- We will still wear masks in worship in an effort to offer some protection from disease.
- All areas of the church are purified with IWave technology which eliminates up to 97% of all virus and bacteria particles.
- We will allow singing and humming while masked.
- Committees are encouraged to begin meeting in person or a combination of in person and zoom. Contact the church office to reserve space.
- In order to be able to offer in person worship we continue to need assistance on Sunday morning. Visit the listing below of Sign-Up Genius links to offer your assistance.
- We have added a slot on the sign-up for Altar Guild as we need help with setting up and cleaning up the altar.
- We are also looking for people to help with the new video and sound equipment. Contact Curtis Chi or Tim Hoke if you would like to be trained.

### **In-Person Worship Zoom information: Topic: Sunday Morning Worship**

Time: at 9:30 am - **worship begins at 10:00 am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88584944760?pwd=YTZISFp3NVg2Z09GV0JpOEhObER5Zz09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88584944760?pwd=YTZISFp3NVg2Z09GV0JpOEhObER5Zz09>

**Here is a listing of the Sign-Up Genius links** we are presently using to accomplish our many needed tasks. Please fill in as you are able. You can bookmark these sites to make it easier to return to them.

- ♦ **Devotions** – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>  
Please send your devotions to Pastor Scott at [pastor@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsdurham.org)
  - ♦ **Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Worship Tasks**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1>  
Tasks include setting up, lector, worship assistant, sound, video, etc.
  - ♦ **Sunday morning 10:00 AM Communion Assistants and Lock-Up**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion>
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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
 men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
 e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
 joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
 moved us to a more pro - found  
 to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing, for whom he won the fight:  
 give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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