

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - August 28, 2022  
10:00 AM Service is live, streamed, and recorded  
Holy Communion, Setting Six

*Hymns will be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book.*  
Affirmation of Baptism for new members  
Backpack Blessings

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** – *Praeambulum in F* by Jakob Praetorius

**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. 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 HYMN – As We Gather at Your Table**

**522**

**APOSTOLIC 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.**

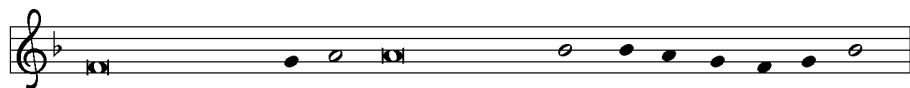
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



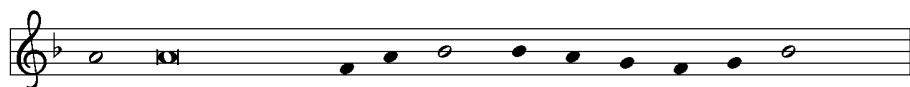
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



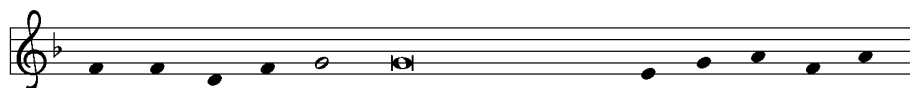
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



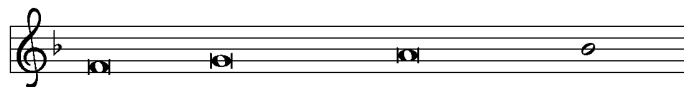
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



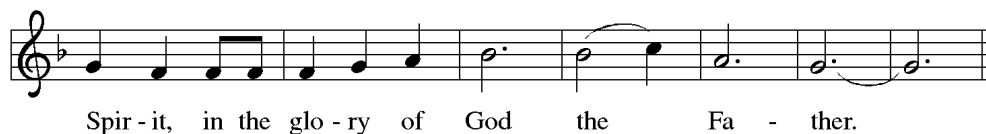
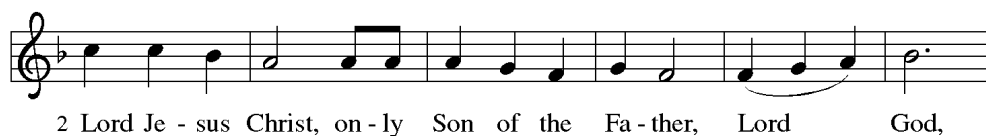
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

### First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

### Psalm: Psalm 112

Congregation sings *Refrain* and bold verses

#### *Refrain*



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup>God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup>in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup>will be blessed. *Refrain***

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup>in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup>last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup>for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup>of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup>ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup>fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- <sup>1</sup>er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup>ing remembrance. *Refrain***

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup>evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup>in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup>will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- <sup>1</sup>on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup>fast forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup>head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and <sup>1</sup>pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup>ed will perish. *Refrain***

## Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



*After the Gospel is announced, the people say: **Glory to you, O Lord***

## Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not

invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

*After the Gospel is read, the people say: Praise to you, O Christ*

### **Children’s Message – Backpack Blessings**

#### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY - O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us**

**431**

### **Affirmation of Baptism**

**page 234**

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

Mary Bader  
Bill Elkin  
Amy Elkin  
Lily Elkin  
William Gresham  
Jan Huntley (Associate)  
Ken Knudsen  
Stephanie Knudsen  
Michelle Meadors  
Carolyn Ulrich  
Michael Wendt

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.*

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people (*national, synodical, and local leaders may be named*). Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts (*local places may be named*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving (*especially*). , Barbara, Jan, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis, Bob, Ellie, Barbara, Naomi, Pat, Judy, Mary, John, Larry. and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For all the saints who confessed God's name (*especially Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Moses the Black*), we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

### PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

### MEAL

#### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** – *Improvisation on Arise, My Soul, Arise*

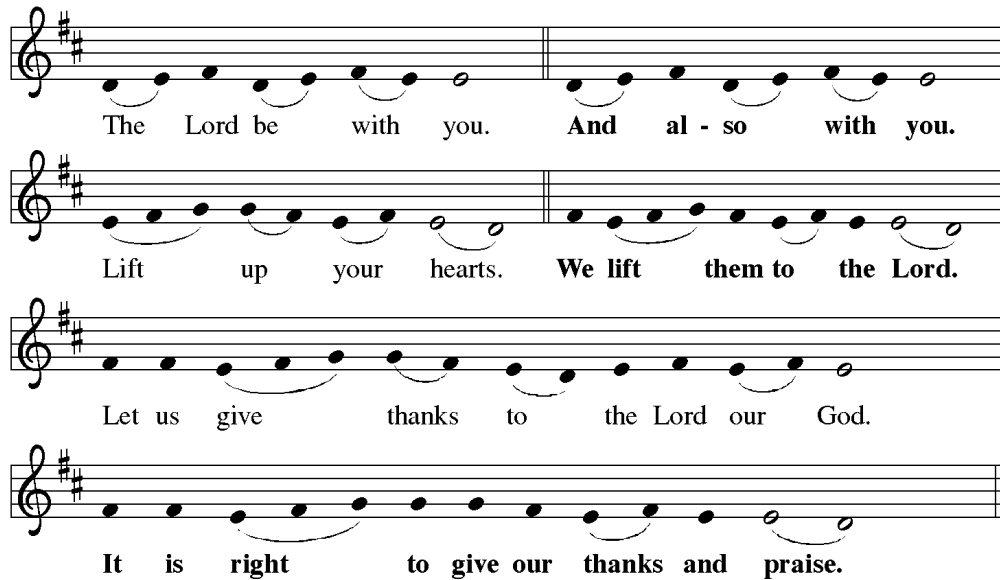
**OFFERTORY** – **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

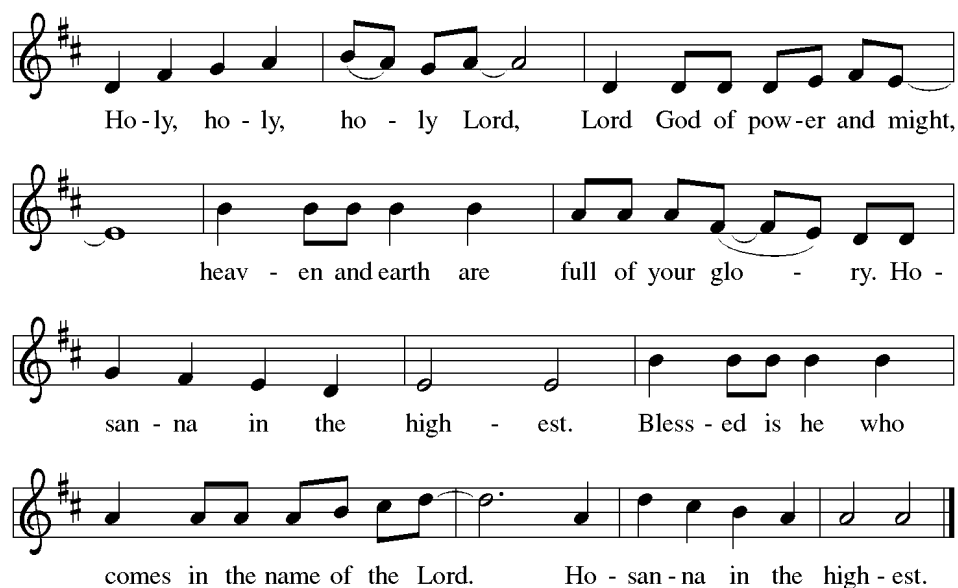
**ALL** God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



## 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:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.**

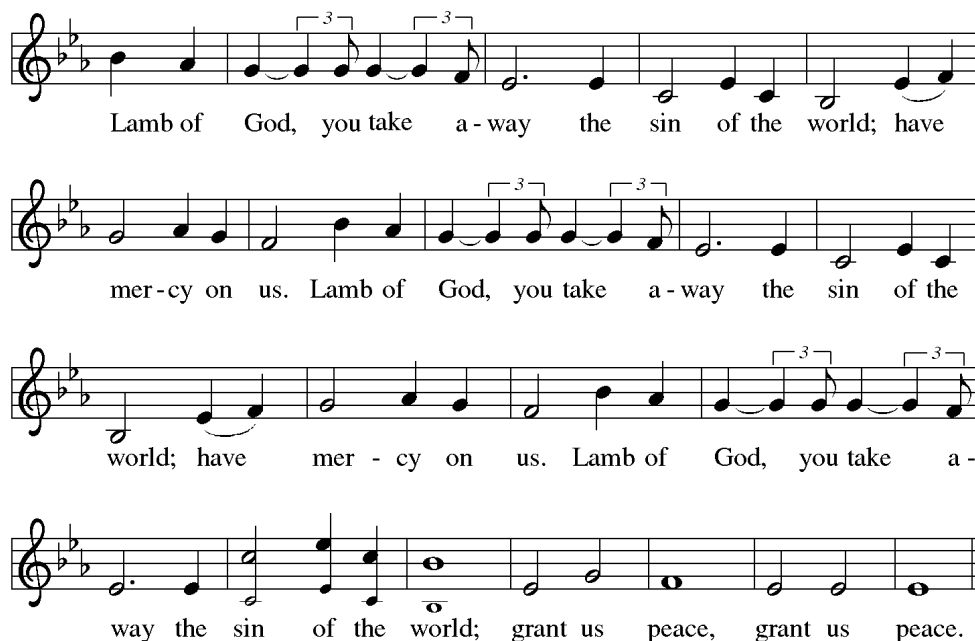
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.  
*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

## AGNUS DEI



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.

## 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.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

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. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

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.

SENDING  
Blessing

response: Amen

SENDING HYMN - Arise, My Soul, Arise!

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *In Babilone* arranged by John Behnke

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**The Altar Flowers today are given** to the Glory of God and in honor of Joseph Mauriello's birthday by Mike and Sally Mauriello.

**Altar Flowers** – 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) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin, and payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, speak with a staff person.

**Prayer of the Church** (Members): Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Barbara Shade, Naomi Watson, Pat Casper, Judy Schlegel, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Larry Jenkins

**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 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), 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), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), 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), 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), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Cynthia Sund (grandmother of Megan Cunningham), Richard Dominick (brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, Cindy and Adam White (family of Ann Grovenstein), Deborah Steed, Josephine Economy and John Bigsby (friends of Bess Line), Jane Taylor (mother of Maria Chi), Wayne Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Debra Fletcher (sister of Bill Wilson), Marie Watts (cousin of Pat Casper), Ruth Parker (aunt of Pat Casper), Don Rangnow (friend of Robin Winfree), Jim Cunningham (father of Megan Cunningham), Ashley Collins (niece of Deb Tabert)

### **September 11, 2022, Rally Day**

Rally Day is a special day at the end of summer in which we “rally” together with a similar purpose – seeking God’s Word, for praying, serving, learning, and worshipping.

We will return to two worship services this morning – 8:30 am and 11:00 am. The 8:30 am services will be in person, the 11:00 am services will be live, in-person, and recorded for viewing at your convenience on our Vimeo channel.

Adults are invited to participate in various Adult learning sessions throughout this year which will include Bible studies and current topic discussions, on Sundays and weekdays. We invite all children aged 4 through 14 to begin a new schedule of lessons, music, crafts, and snacks in their own Sunday School sessions based on the Vacation Bible School theme of Rocky Railroad. More information will be given out on Rally Day.

You are invited to join us in Trinity Hall at 9:45 am on Rally Day for fellowship, accompanied by fruit, pastries, and other food items and beverages. Classes, teachers, leaders, and plans will be discussed at 10:00-10:30 am for adults and children. Please plan to join us as we celebrate a new year together.

**Music ensembles are starting up again this fall!** The adult choir, which meets at 7:15 on Wednesday nights, beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>, is open to any and all interested in singing, no prior experience is necessary. September 11<sup>th</sup> will be our first Sunday back. Handbell choir is also making a return, our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. No prior ringing experience is necessary, but some understanding of sheet music is helpful.

**Thursday Bible Study** – Join us on Thursday, September 8 at 10:30-11:45 am where we will pick up where we left off in June, studying the book of Genesis, chapter 9. The class takes place in the Conference Room and by Zoom.

## ***PASTA for PARKTOWN!!***

### **Help Stock the St. Paul’s Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!**

The Women’s Connection Group is leading an initiative to support the Parktown Food Hub, a ministry of South Durham Connections, led by Pastor Sharon Schulze.

St. Paul’s has committed to “**adopting a shelf**” in the Food Hub for at least the next 6 months.

**St. Paul’s Shelf - dry boxed pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, ziti, penne, etc. (NOT: kits or dinner, nor canned pasta entrees).

- ▶ **Fact:** at least 21 packages of dry pasta are distributed each week to clients.
- ▶ **Fact:** all basic food needs are greater than ever.
- ▶ **Fact:** your generosity makes a difference to our neighbors!

**Please consider adding a box or two or more of pasta to your shopping list and place it in the box in the atrium at the bulletin board.**

**Nurturing Committee Notes** – Reach Out and Touch someone with a card and note. September 11<sup>th</sup> Rally Day will be an opportunity for you to connect with someone – maybe a friend, a St. Paul’s member or someone you don’t know. On the table in the foyer is a collection of cards with envelopes. Feel free to choose one – or more – write a note of help, encouragement, or thinking-of-you and send it. It doesn’t need to be a St. Paul’s family member, but it could be a way to connect with someone from our sisters and brothers in Christ at St. Paul’s. Just imagine how you would appreciate a note, so as you REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE you know how much they will appreciate it! Say “hello – how are you today,” “we haven’t met but I would like to say HI to you” or “Hope you are having a good day” with a card. If you don’t know who to write to, there is a fishbowl with congregation members, and you may draw out a name and connect with that person.

**The Young In Spirit group will meet Wed, Sept 14 at 11:30 am.** YIS proudly presents Dick Clendaniel as he shows and talks about some of the gorgeous pictures he took on his week-long walking trip with his daughter and son through the Cotswolds in England. Please bring a sandwich. Drinks, chips and desserts will be provided. Please let Robin Winfree know if you plan to come so we have enough desserts, etc.



**St. Paul's Book Club** – Our September book is *Stronger: Courage, Hope and Humor in My Life* with John McCain by Cindy McCain. This memoir is a love letter to her late husband, their thirty-eight year marriage, and the trials and triumphs of a singular American life. The book also chronicles how John's humor and strength helped Cindy transform into the confident woman she has now become – one who believes in family, honor, and country – and is willing to stand up for all of them. We hope that you will consider joining our group this fall. Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 15** at 3 pm in Trinity Hall. We welcome all readers. Please contact Katherine Trexler ([katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com)) with any questions.

**Election season is here!** The Continuing Conversation Group is planning election education and support activities for this fall. On Rally Day, we'll once again provide information about registration and ways to find your precinct.

We've also rescheduled the Zoom election forum with Derek Bowens, Director of Elections for Durham County to **Sunday, September 18 at 4:00 pm**. Once again, members of St. Joseph's AME congregation would join us for this virtual information session. Mr. Bowens will describe the process and the people behind registration, early voting, election day voting, and counting. He will describe changes for this year and give an update on the attempt to require voter ID (a subject of ongoing litigation). **Zoom information:** Meeting ID: 884 0073 2004 Passcode: 179563 Link: <https://bit.ly/3AdZ6qV>

We have lots of ideas for additional outreach efforts, but we need additional volunteers to make these a reality. Are you interested in helping us with voter registration drives? Neighborhood outreach? All of our activities would be completely non-partisan, aimed toward support and education for all voters. Training for voter registration volunteers is being arranged. If you would like to be a part of CCG's fall election efforts, please send a note to either Tina Bessias ([tina.bessias@gmail.com](mailto:tina.bessias@gmail.com)) or Bee Ellertson ([bellertson@icloud.com](mailto:bellertson@icloud.com)); tell us what kinds of activities you're interested in, and how much time you might be able to contribute, then we'll work to coordinate activities and schedules. Activities might take place intermittently between mid-September and early November. We hope to hear from you!

**Croasdaile Worship** – The Croasdaile worship this month will be **Thursday, September 22**, the Fourth Thursday of the month, at 2:00 pm.

**Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays** on Zoom from 10-11.

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

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRIgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

**Ted Turner, the Minister of Music**, is available for piano and/or organ lessons. Ted has experience teaching a diverse array of skill levels and ages, no prior experience is necessary. More information is available at [www.tedturnerorganist.com](http://www.tedturnerorganist.com). contact him at 217-898-3467 or [taturner16@gmail.com](mailto:taturner16@gmail.com)

**Our Free Little Library is full** of books, magazines, and puzzles for your use. You are welcome to take or leave one to use and share. Stop by the shelf which is near the water fountain in the atrium.

**It is time to bring us up to date on our current pictorial directory.** To help us – please submit a current photograph of you/your family. It does not have to be a professional photo – many of you probably have selfies and vacation photos handy on your phone. You may send it to Susan Esposito at [admin@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsdurham.org) and it will be uploaded into your family profile. You may also make any changes, such as address, email address, birthdays, anniversary, phone numbers – at the same time. You can get the latest directory on your smart phone app "Instant Church Directory." Stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium and there are instruction sheets for both Android and Apple phones. As changes occur, the updates are made in the church office and are instantly updated on your app when you use it.

**One easy way you can support the St. Paul's Preschool & PMO** is by linking your Harris Teeter VIC card. When you link your card to St. Paul's Preschool & PMO, the Preschool 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.

## Summer Worship

For the summer, we have one service at 10:00 am (through Sunday, September 4), using Setting Six of the ELW. This service will be in-person, live-streamed and recorded. The link to watch the service live is: <https://vimeo.com/event/1478223>. The link to watch any services which have been recorded is: <https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham>- then choose the service date or event you wish to watch.

## Sign-Up Genius Links

**We still need worship assistants weekly.** Please visit the Sign-Up Genius links which we use to enable volunteers to fill in where needed, now for both services. Click on the link and fill in your date(s).

♦ **Devotions** – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>

Please send your devotions to Vicar Mac Mullins at [vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:vicar@stpaulsdurham.org)

♦ **Sunday Morning Worship Tasks**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1>

Tasks include setting up, lector, worship assistant, sound, altar guild, video, etc.

♦ **Sunday morning Communion Assistants and Lock-Up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion>

# As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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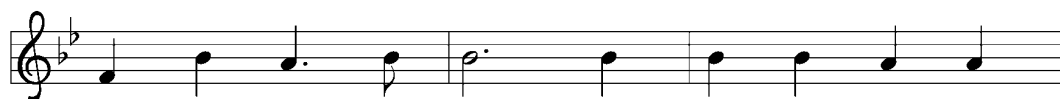
## O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
 all, you said the first must be the last and  
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
 we might rise and live. To break the law of  
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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## You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

### *Gift of Finest Wheat*



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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# Arise, My Soul, Arise!

*Nyt ylös, sieluni*



*Nyt y - lös, sie - lu - ni, nous' y - lös mul - last' täs - tä!*  
 1 A - rise, my soul, a - rise! Stretch forth to things e - ter - nal  
 2 Now hear the harps of heav'n! Oh, hear the song vic - to - rious,



*Käy jal - kain juu - reen Ju - ma - lan ja Ka - rit - san.*  
 and has - ten to the feet of your re - deem - er God,  
 the nev - er - end - ing an - them sound - ing through the sky!



*Ja vaikk' ei sil - mä - ni va - lo - a Her - ran kes - tä,*  
 who, hid from mor - tal eyes, yet dwells in light su - per - nal;  
 To mor - tals is not giv'n to join in strains so glo - rious;



*niin kui - ten - kin sä rie - mui - ten käy lau - la - maan.*  
 so wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness, your sov - 'reign Lord.  
 yet here on earth we too can sing our prais - es high!



*I - äi - seen i - loon ja juh - laan ja - loon*  
 The ban - quet of love a - waits you a - bove;  
 Christ bought with his blood the ran - somed of God;



*oot Ka - rit - san sä suu - riin häi - hin kut - sut - tu.*  
 yet here you have a fore - taste of the feast to come!  
 to him be ev - er - last - ing pow'r and vic - to - ry.



*Tai - va - han kun - ni - a on Her - ran ar - mos - ta*  
 Re - joice, my soul, re - joice, to heav'n lift up your voice:  
 And let the great a - men re - sound through heav'n a - gain.



*sun o - sa - si, sun pe - rin - tös ja ta - va - ras.*  
 \*Siis rie - mui - se ja a - jat - te - le au - tuut - tas.  
 1, 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*The Finnish stanza repeats the last line of music.

Text: Johan Kahl, 1721-1746; Finnish tr. *Halullisten Sjelujen Hengelliset Laulut*, 1790; English tr. Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1981, alt.  
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