St. Paul's Lutheran Church 8th Sunday after Pentecost - July 31, 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.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – Trumpet Duet by Henry Purcell, arranged by S. Drummond Wolff; Curtis Chi and Alan Barber, trumpet

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 \mathbb{E} Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - Earth and All Stars!

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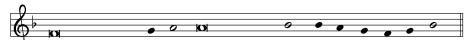
APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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







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



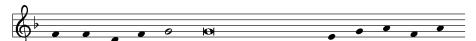


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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

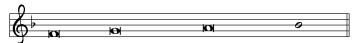




For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and







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



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm: Psalm 49:1-12

Congregation sings *Refrain* and bold verses.

Refrain



Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

²you of high de- | gree and low, rich and | poor together.

³My mouth shall | speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear | to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. Refrain

⁵Why should I be afraid in | evil days, when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

⁶the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess, and boast of | their great riches?

One can never re- | deem another, or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;

8 for the ransom of a life | is so great that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,

⁹in order to live forey-|er and ever and never| see the grave.

¹⁰For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands af-ter themselves.

¹²Even though honored, they cannot | live forever; they are like the | beasts that perish. *Refrain*

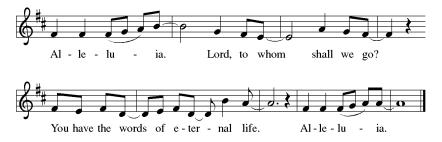
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Acclamation



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

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF 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.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress (*especially*), Barbara, Jan, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis, Bob, Ellie, Barbara, Naomi, Pat, Judy, Mary, John and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place (*specific ministries may be named*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints (*especially*). Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. 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 – The Call by Ralph Vaughn Williams; Soren Strom-Jensen, tenor

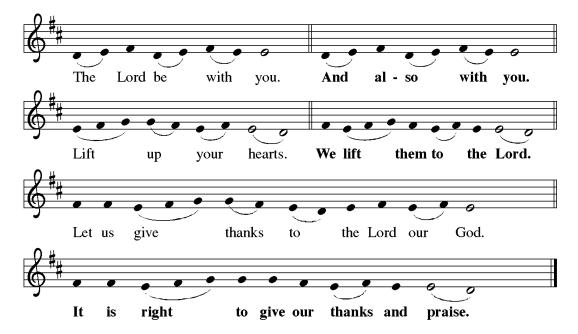
OFFERTORY – Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



OFFERTORY PRAYER

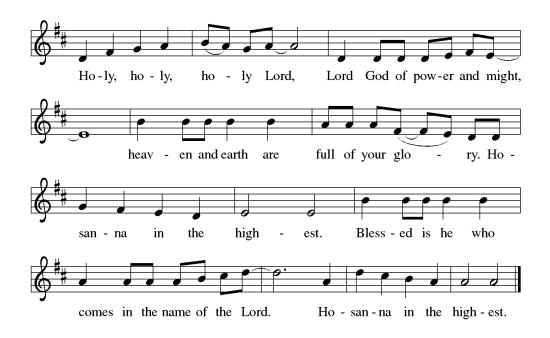
ALL God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

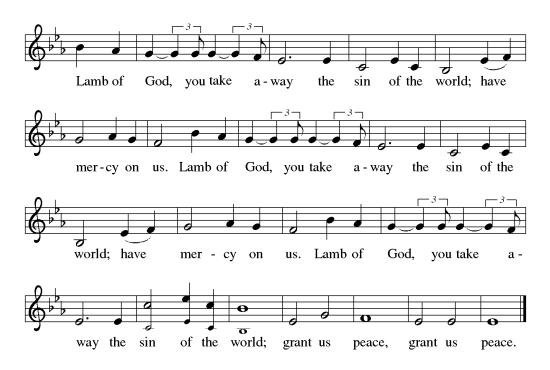
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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 - O Living Bread from Heaven

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



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.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR VICAR MAC MULLINS

SENDING

Blessing response: Amen

SENDING HYMN - God of Grace and God of Glory

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *Prelude in b by J. S. Bach*

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The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

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

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we commend to almighty God, Arloa Bittikofer, who died this morning about 9 am. Her funeral service and interment will take place at St. Paul's, date as yet undecided, but will be announced later. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Memorials Committee.

Our heartfelt condolences to Ms. Shererka Parker and her two sons, Skylar and Jamar, for the recent loss of their dad. Skylar and Jamar are Camp Destiny participants.

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), Betty Sue Dickerson and son Barry Dickerson (friends of the church), 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)

We have been blessed this year with the presence of Vicar Mac Mullins. Come to Trinity Hall after the service for a reception for Mac to wish him Farewell and Godspeed.

Croasdaile Worship – The Croasdaile worship in August will be Thursday, August 25, 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=WVVCRlgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09

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. contact him at 217-898-3467 or teaturner16@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.

Summer Worship

For the summer, we have one service at 10:00 am, 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

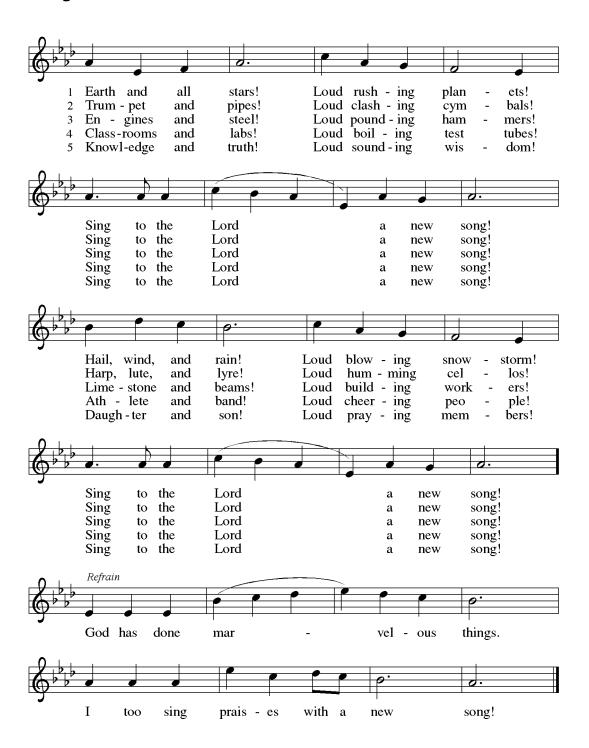
♦ Sunday Morning Worship Tasks

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

♦ Sunday morning Communion Assistants and Lock-Up

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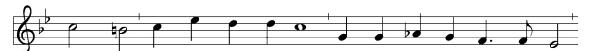
Jesus, Priceless Treasure



- 1 Je sus, price-less trea sure, source of pur est plea sure,
- 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo-lest me
- 3 Hence, all fears and sad ness, for the Lord of glad ness,

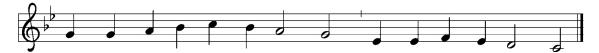


tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear - ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb; quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash; saves us, gives sweet peace with - in.

I have borne this world - ly scorn;

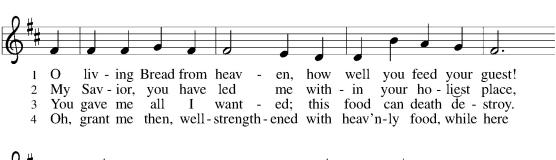


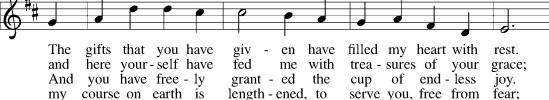
no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee. yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure:

Je - sus will not fail me. Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

O Living Bread from Heaven









Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932