

**Time After Pentecost
The Season of Parables – Year A
Setting 3
Sunday August 30, 2026**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
9844 SW Greenville Road
Greenville, MI 48838**

Sharing the joy of Christ.



MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME

*****(We will be singing hymns from the hymnal today)**
You can use the ribbon markers to mark them in advance.
Here are the numbers:

ELW #810 gathering hymn
ELW #798 hymn of the day
ELW #479 communion hymn
ELW #638 communion hymn
ELW #808 sending hymn

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of the
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #810 O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

GREETING

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

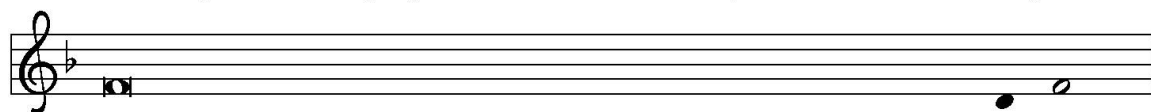
And also with you. (hands out)



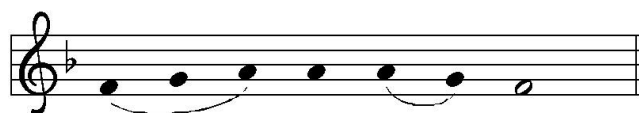
KYRIE



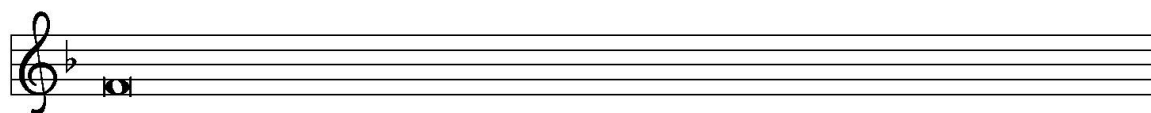
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



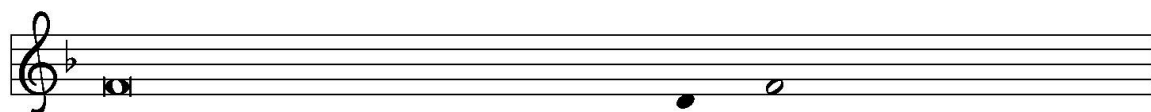
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



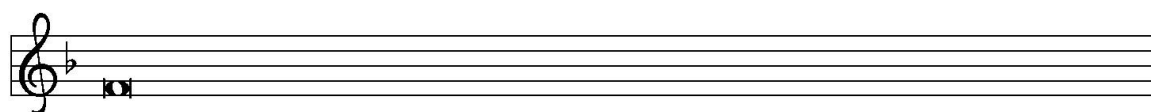
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



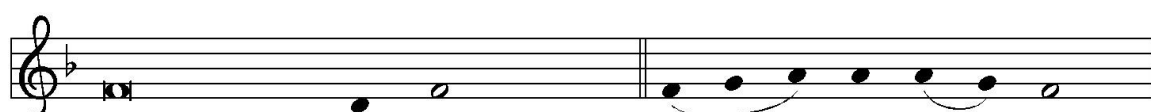
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



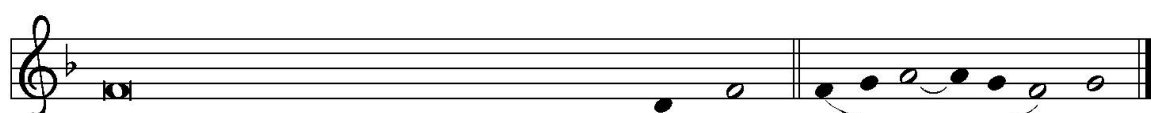
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from Jeremiah. (pause)

- ¹⁵ O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
- ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
- ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
- ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
- ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
- ²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
- ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

- ¹ Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
- ² **Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.**
- ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.
- ⁴ **I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;**
- ⁵ I hate the company of evildoers
and will not sit with the wicked.
- ⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O Lord,**
- ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- ⁸ **O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans. (pause)

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew .
Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #798 WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

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

With bold trust in god's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of god's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit. We especially lift prayers for...

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, o God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. (*hands out*)

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

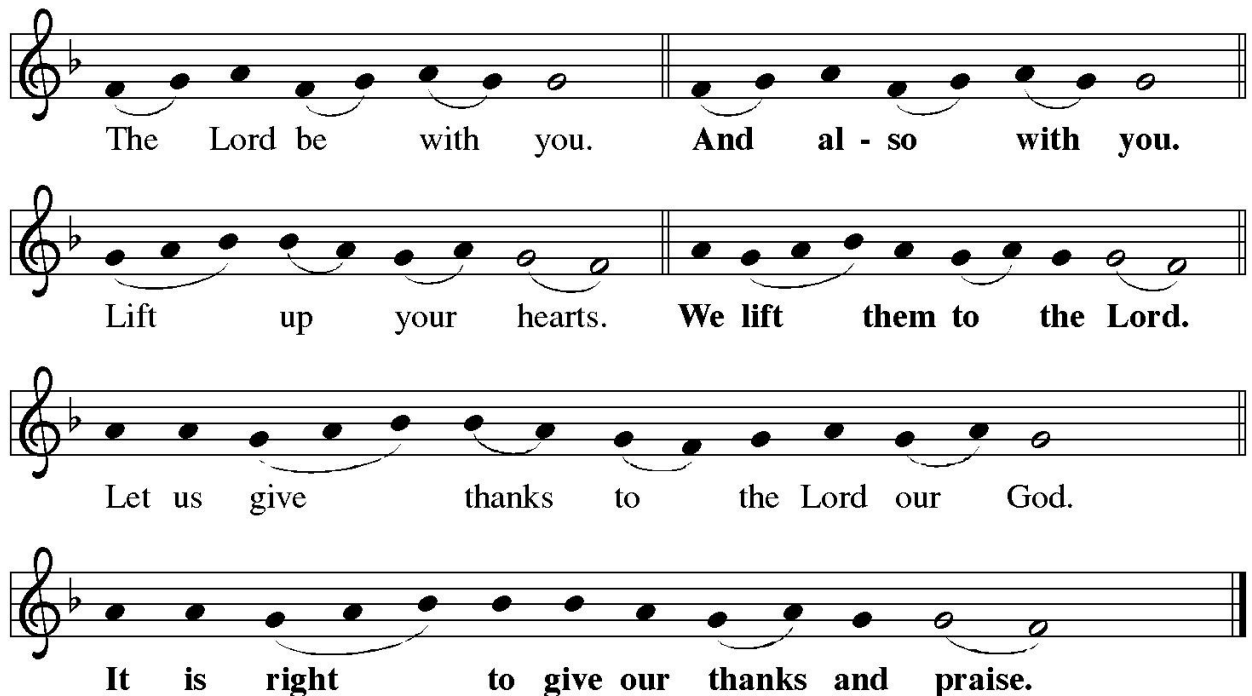
OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. (pause)

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

THE 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 notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third staff has a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

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'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION

All are welcome to come to share in Holy Communion at God's Table.

If it is too difficult to come to God's Table, please let an usher know and Pastor Nan will bring holy communion to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion server says
As you receive the bread and wine:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Each person may respond: **Amen.**

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.

These hymns are sung during Holy Communion to help us focus on the Gifts of God for the people of God.

ELW #479 WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST

ELW #638 BLESSED ASSURANCE

FINAL TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. (pause)

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Creator, + Redeemer,
And Sustainer,
Bless, heal, and hold you
Today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #808 LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER REQUESTS & **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ST. PAUL HEALING PRAYER LIST

Bob Perdue, **Carol** Rasmussen, **David** Johansen,
Dennis Dombkowski, **Jean** Marks, **Joan** Chadwick, **Joanne** Bryer, **Larry**
Ross, **Leroy** Hansen, **Katharine** Serviss, **Karen** Buchholz, **Ken** Billmeier,
Marlene Grams, **Mary Ann** Johnson, **Mary Jean** Mallo, **Nelda** Gallagher,
Peter Hansen, **Russ** Lincoln, **Shirley** Hansen, **Shirley** Moerdyke,
Shirley Sly, **Steve** Vanhooose, **Terri** Clark.

****If you want to have someone added, please email the main office, leave a voicemail on the main church phone number or text Pastor Nan*

MILITARY

Brian Blomstrom, **Chris** Miller, **Hanah** MacMillen, **JD** Johansen, **Marcus**,
Ryan Treynor, **Steve** Kowalewicz, **Troy** Thornburg, **Tyler** Markum,
Vaughn Misner, **Victor** Rivera, **Vinnie** Baza.

PRAYER CHAIN FOR ST. PAUL If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Lynn Cooper at 616-754-5579.



***PENNY WARS
START IN
SEPTEMBER***

This Week

Sunday Aug 30 930 am worship with Holy Communion
AFB class after worship or 11 am

******Coffee Fellowship for SEPTEMBER is posted on the bulletin table**

SEPTEMBER Newsletters are available

3rd quarter Christ in Our Home devotion books are out

Monday Aug 31 5 pm Al-Anon
Building closed
Pastor Sabbath

Tuesday Sep 1 10 am Food Mission

Wednesday Sep 2 2 pm Book study – “Dear Church”
6 pm Brainstorming for Mission Budget
Mark Sabbath

Thursday Sep 3

Friday Sep 4 1:30 pm Shalom Zoom Meditation

Saturday Sep 5

Sunday Aug 6 930 am worship with Holy Communion
ABP class after worship or 11 am

**AUGUST 31 – ALL ANNUAL REPORTS ARE
DUE INTO THE OFFICE**

AUGUST SERVING

St Paul Service Calendar	Assisting	Proclaimer	Sound	Lead Usher	Nursery	Cour
August 2	Janet W-M	Amy S	Lee H Diane C Karen H	Curt B	Donny M	Jo Kar
August 9	Josh S	Barb B	Diane C Paul R Connie T	John C	Shirley H	Joh Lis
August 16	Rocky H	Connie T	Lee H Diane C Lisa B	Bob K	Amy S	Shir Con
August 23	Alicia D	Janet W-M	Paul R Lee H Tara C	Kevand S	Volunteer	Keva Dian
August 30	Connie T	Karen P	Paul R Lee H Tara C-T	Curt B	Donny M	Joh Lis

Dates, and names are Subject to change.

If you are going to miss a Sunday that your scheduled, please get a sub.

SEPTEMBER – see newsletter