

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God you are here.  
We pray that you will feel the Spirit and warm welcome of this faith community.  
We look forward to seeing you again!

## Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome

**Gathering Words** (*please stand*)

On mountaintops and in deep valleys,

**Jesus is the light of the world.**

On busy city streets and on quiet country lanes,

**Jesus is the light of the world.**

At home, at work, at play, and at rest,

**Jesus is the light of the world.**

Let us see one another in the light of Jesus.

Special Music:

“I Will Rise”

Prayer of the Day:

P: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## The Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading:

**Psalm 19:7-14**

*The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -



lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



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

### Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their

worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message**

**Pastor Sam Wolff**

**Hymn of the Day:**

**“He Turned Water Into Wine”**

**Refrain**

**He turned the water into wine**

**He turned the water into wine**

**In the little Canan town the word went all**

**Around that He turned the water into wine**

**Well he walked upon the Sea of Galilee**

**He walked upon the Sea of Galilee**

**Shouted far and wide He calmed the raging tide**

**And walked upon the Sea of Galilee (*refrain*)**

**He healed the leper and the lame**

**He healed the leper and the lame**

**He said go and tell no man**

**But they shouted it throughout the land**

**That He healed the leper and the lame**

**He healed the leper and the lame (*refrain*)**

**He fed the hungry multitude**

**He fed the hungry multitude**

**With a little bit of fish and bread**

**They said everyone was fed**

**He fed the hungry multitude (*refrain*)**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**P: Lord, in your mercy,**

**All: hear our prayer.**

## The Meal

*Holy Communion is a sacred and mysterious manifestation of God's love and grace for us. In Holy Communion the Father, Son and Holy Spirit invite us to share in the bond of peace and love that they share with us through repentant hearts and humble faith. All are invited to share in this gift of grace. As you come forward you will receive a piece of bread (gluten free available) that you may dip into the wine or juice.*

### Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts,

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

**All: 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**

#### Post Communion Prayer

P: Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**All: Amen.**

## Sending

#### Benediction

P: People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, † one God,  
bless you now and forever.  
**All: Amen.**

#### Announcements

**Sending Song:**

**“Thank Jesus”**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**