



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Sunday after Trinity
August 9, 2026

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Ushers: Willy and Roman Frank

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 25 – Hymnal pg. 128

Opening Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, You have revealed your goodness to us in so many ways. Lord, as we meditate on your goodness, may You open the eyes of our hearts that we may truly see your goodness in every area of our life. May we trust fully in Your goodness and turn to you in every need, and give praise to your name when you work out your goodness in our lives. May we rejoice in your Love and be assured that You will never forsake us. May You bless our worship that we may truly see You in all your goodness through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In His name we ask it. Amen.

Invocation:

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



Opening Hymn: 31 When All Thy Mercies, O My God

1. When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.
2. Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.
3. Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.
4. When nature fails, and day and night
Divide Thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O Lord,
Thy mercies shall adore.
5. Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
But, oh! eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise.

Confession of Sins: P: Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

C: We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.



Response of Praise:

Hymn 244

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 34:1-22

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

34 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. 5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces

shall never be ashamed. 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. 11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. 14 Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. 17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

1 John 3:1-3

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Response of Praise:

P: The Lord is the Strength of His people:

C: He is the saving Strength of His anointed.

P: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance:

C: Feed them also and lift them up forever.

P: Unto You will I cry, O Lord, my Rock; be not silent unto me:

C: Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

P: Lord, You have been our Dwelling Place:

C: In all generations. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust;

C: let me never be ashamed:

P: Deliver me in Your righteousness; bow down Your ear to me,

C: deliver me speedily. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the text 'C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff contains 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff contains 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 789 Consider How the Birds Above

1. Consider how the birds above
 Feed day by day with carefree ease—
 Does God not keep them in His love?
 Are we not worth much more than these?
2. See how the lilies do not toil,
 They grow with fair fragility;
 If God clothes these which quickly spoil,
 Will He not clothe both you and me?
3. Set not your heart on food or drink,
 Nor be weighed down by worldly care;
 About such things the godless think,
 Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.
4. Be on your guard against all greed,
 For life is more than what we own.
 Our Father knows our ev'ry need
 Before our needs to us are known.
5. Seek first God's Kingdom, and His grace,
 His holy Name in all you do:
 Christ first and last in ev'ry place;

All else will then be given you.

Sermon Text: Psalm 34:89

*“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!”*

Theme:

Behold Your God ~ He IS Eminently Good!

1. God is the Source of ALL Goodness.
2. God is the Source of our Protection.
3. God is the Source of our Salvation.

Hymn: 431 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh! the transport of delight
With which my cup o'erfloweth.

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Offering of Thankful Hearts:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, Amen

OFFERTORY



C: 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. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 800 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

Psalm 145:9

*“The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday - Instruction Class with Andrey at 9:00.

PCPC meeting at 1:30.

Wednesday - Victory Service for Karlheinz Schwabe, 11:00 am at Bethel Funeral Chapel. There will be a luncheon following the service and the interment will be after that, around 1:30.

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00 am.

Praying for our Family and Friends

We pray for all those affected by the fires, those who are evacuated, those who have already lost homes and property, and those who are especially affected by the smoke.

We pray for Barb Pfeiffer who has had a series of small strokes which has left her unable to stand or walk on her own. Doctors have also found a mass on her lungs.

We pray for God's comfort for the family of Karlheinz Schwabe. May God grant them peace and solace and even rejoicing in the gift of Life that has been given to him.

We thank the Lord for blessing Jon and Nicole with healthy twins.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to manage our FaceBook page and Website. It would primarily involve posting the weekly bulletin and sermons.

We would also like another volunteer to help Roman with the streaming of our services and give him a break occasionally.

Voters Meeting Report

Treasurer's Report: On average our offerings are about \$2000 short of our monthly expenses. So far the interest from the money received from Calgary has covered the shortfall, but with lower interest rates that will not sustain us completely. We pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing.

Communion: We haven't used the common cup for communion since the covid days. The voters discussed offering it again. If you have any thoughts about it let the pastor know.

Coming Up: Your pastor and Julie will be taking vacation to see their newest grandchildren during the first week of September. There will be a video service on September 6th. Bible Class will resume on September 13. We are planning on beginning a study of the book of Revelation.

CLC Call News

Pastor Luke Willitz of Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN, has returned the call to Gift of God in Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN **Pastor**

Emeritus Paul Tiefel has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI.

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ. **Pastor Joe Naumann** of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights, MI.

Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, has **received** the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN.

Convention Report

Third Foreign Missionary: Pastor Bruce Naumann has been serving as our Third Foreign Missionary, teaching in the seminary in Tanzania. For the first two years that was funded through the Mission Development Fund. Now the Third foreign Missionary is fully funded by the Missions Budget.

Legal Considerations: It was discovered that some congregations unknowingly let their incorporation status lapse which may expose the CLC, individual congregation members, council/board members, and clergy to financial and legal liability. Formal incorporation shields us from this liability. Therefore the convention is asking every congregation to check their current legal status and ensure that they are properly and actively incorporated in their state or province.