

ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH



VERNON, B.C.

JUNE 2, 2024



**1st Sunday after Trinity**

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**Ushering this month:** Willy and Roman

**Prepare for worship:** Psalm 51      Hymnal page 134

**We Enter God's Sanctuary**

**Opening Prayer**

P: Lord of Might, Lord of Love, You truly are a "very present help in trouble." Lord, hide us under the shadow of your wing and protect us from our enemies: the devil, the world and our own sinful flesh. Come to us in your Word today and sanctify us by your truth so that we may stand secure in your grace and not succumb to deceit or temptation, but that we may glorify your name in all that we say and do. In our Savior's name! Amen.

**Opening Hymn: 779 Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven**

1 Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,  
Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pard'ning God!  
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;  
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.

2 Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,  
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side.  
But Jesus sought and found us; Our many sins He bore.  
With cords of love He bound us To Him forevermore.

3 Dear Master, Yours the glory Of each recovered soul.  
Ah, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?  
Not ours, not ours the merit; To You alone the praise!  
Give us a thankful spirit To serve You all our days.

4 Now keep us, holy Savior, In Your true love and fear,  
And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere  
Till, in Your new creation, Our earthly troubles o'er,  
Heirs of Your free salvation, We praise You evermore.

**Invocation:**

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



**Our Confession of Sins:**

P: Thus says the Lord: “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

C: **“Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.”** (Ps. 24:3,4)

P: O Father, we enter Your holy place to worship You. However, we are sinners. How then will You accept our worship and bless us on our way? It is only by Your grace in Christ Jesus. Therefore we pray, Cleanse us from our sins for Jesus’ sake, so that with pure hearts and clean lips we can sing Your praises.

**ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have seen the evil that I have done and the good that I left undone. Clinging to the cross of Jesus Christ, I appeal to You for mercy. Cleanse me in Jesus’ blood. Purify my mind from every evil thought, my lips from every evil word, my hands from every evil deed. Renew my heart by the working of Your Holy Spirit so that I may present my body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to You, which is my spiritual service of worship.**

P: Be of good cheer, children of God, for our Father is forever merciful! The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, for Christ loves

us and gave Himself up for us, that He might sanctify and cleanse us. We are now holy and blameless before God and our worship is pleasing to Him.

**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!**

## God Speaks to Us

**Epistle Reading: Romans 1:8-17**

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you 10 always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— 12 that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. 13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. 14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

**Response of Praise:**

P: O Lord, I have trusted in Your mercy:

**C: My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.**

P: I will sing unto the Lord:

**C: Because He has dealt bountifully with me.**

P: How long will You forget me, O Lord?:

**C: How long will You hide Your face from me?**

P: I said, Lord, be merciful unto me:

**C: Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.**

P: Blessed is he that considers the poor:

**C: The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Give ear to my words, O Lord:

**C: Consider my meditation. Hallelujah!**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:24-34**

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. 25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life,

what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

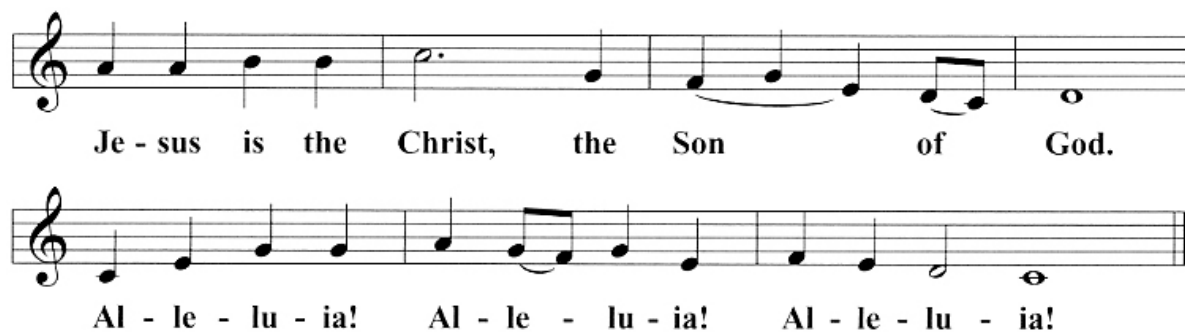
P: Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



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



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



### **Confession of Faith:** The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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: Isaiah 49:8-16**

8 Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, 9 saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; 10 they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. 11 And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. 12 Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." 13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. 14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Theme:

# The Power of God's Love

1. It **CANNOT** Forget or Forsake You.
2. It **CAN** Change your Life.
3. It **DOES** Provide and Preserve You.
4. It **DOES** Move You.

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

## 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.

**Hymn:** 777 Amazing Grace — How Sweet the Sound

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

### **Offerings for Christ's Church:**

**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:**

## **God Gives Himself to Us in the Lord's Supper**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We especially praise You that You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh and have revealed Him to the world as our only Savior from sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**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.

**Words of Institution:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Hymn: 755** What Is This Bread

1. What is this bread?

Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break, This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

2. What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace Brings His embrace  
Of life and love and so I sing!  
O taste and see the Lord is King.

3. So who am I,

That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod? My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see the Lord is free.

4. Yet is God here?

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul He makes us whole  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see the Lord is real.

5. Is this for me?

I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see the Lord is good.

**Distribution:**

**P:** Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es

tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
 bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

**Benediction:**

P: 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:**

### **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

*“For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today** - Bible Class on 1st John at 11:20.

**Monday** - Instruction Class with Chans at 2:30

**Tuesday** - Service at Pleasant Valley Manor at 2:30

**Wednesday** - Skype Bible Study at 9:30.

Bible Study with Karrie at 2:00

Family Night picnic and Bible Study at 5:00

**Thursday** - Catechism at 4:00

**Friday** - Shut-in visit with Felix at 1:30

**Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00

### **Praying for our Family**

**Karrie** is scheduled to have Carpel Tunnel surgery on July 5. We pray for the success of her surgery and a full recovery.

### **Helping our Family**

**Karrie Wurmman** will be away visiting her sisters in Winnipeg the last half of June. She is wondering if anyone would be able to water her plants while she is gone.

### **Family Night Picnic and Bible Study**

Our first Family Night for the Summer is scheduled for this Wednesday at Sovereign Park (7604 Kidston Rd, Coldstream). Bring your own meat and a dish to share. We will have some yard games at 5:00, supper around 6:00 followed by a Bible study discussion.

### **CLC Call News**

**Pastor Sam Rodebaugh** of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO has received a call to Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN.

**Teacher Andrew Roehl** of Grace Lutheran School in Valentine, NE has returned the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. **Mr. Darin Lau**, a member of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, is still considering a call to teach 5th & 6th grades at Messiah.

**Mr. Mark Wales** (member of Holy Trinity) has accepted the call as principal of Holy Trinity Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC.

### **Prayers for Bangladesh**

Last weekend, Cyclone Demal struck the northeast coast of India and the southern coastal areas of Bangladesh. Pastor Banarjee reports that fifteen homes of BLCM members have been destroyed, with an additional twenty-four homes severely damaged. Furthermore, two church buildings have been severely affected. These are some of the only Christian churches in the area. The cyclone has impacted over fifty BLCM families. These congregations mainly consist of marginalized and impoverished former Hindus who live day to day as subsistence farmers. The cyclone has destroyed this year's crops and future crops, including many established fruit trees.

### **Spokesman and Daily Rest Renewals**

Sign up to receive the Daily Rest devotions. The cost is \$21 for an annual subscription. You can also pay for your copy of the Spokesman, \$20.

### **It's Pride Month!**

The world celebrates its freedom from God. They take Pride in opposing God's commands and flaunting their rebellion against God.

It makes one shudder when you consider what God says about such pride. "The Lord God has sworn by Himself, The Lord God of hosts says: "I abhor the pride of Jacob, And hate his palaces; Therefore I will deliver up the city And all that is in it." Amos 6:8

"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18 "When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom." Proverbs 11:2 "A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor." Proverbs 29:23

God truly loves ALL people and desires to save them from their prideful way of life and their sins. He gave His own Son to die in their place so they could

be free from all sin and truly live with God. But when man fights against God, he will not prevail.

It is especially tragic when the churches of our day are affirming of those who live in open rebellion against God. They reassure them that God loves them and they stand in His good graces. It is exactly like it was in the days of Jeremiah the prophet. “They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The Lord has said, “You shall have peace” ’ And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’” Jeremiah 23:17 Then God caused Jerusalem to be utterly destroyed.

May we respond like Jeremiah and call out to those who are caught up in their own pride with tears in our eyes. “Hear and give ear: Do not be proud, for the Lord has spoken. Give glory to the Lord your God before He causes darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains, And while you are looking for light, He turns it into the shadow of death and makes it dense darkness. But if you will not hear it, My soul will weep in secret for your pride; My eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the Lord’s flock has been taken captive.” Jeremiah 13:15-17

As we consider the state of the world today and the people around us, let us remember that God has saved us from the very same pride in our own hearts. “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord.”

Jeremiah 9:23-24