



**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025**

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Ushers: Willy and Roman

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 5 – Hymnal pg. 123

Draw Near to God!

Responsive Invocation:

P: "Make a joyful shout to the Lord!"

C: HALLELUAH! HALLELUAH!

P: Oh most gracious God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

C: "We enter into Your Gates with Thanksgiving and into Your courts with Praise."



Opening Prayer O gracious LORD, our hearts are filled with joy when we consider the great privilege and blessing of worshiping you as our God and King! You have also invited us and urge us to pray to you earnestly with thanksgiving. May you come to us today with Your Holy Spirit and teach us to pray more earnestly and teach us what to pray for that you may build your Kingdom in this world. Grant your Holy Spirit that we may truly trust You in every trouble, and find peaceful rest in your name. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 437 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

1. Who trusts in God a strong abode
In heaven and earth possesses;
Who looks in love to Christ above,
No fear his heart oppresses.
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,
Our great and sure Salvation.
2. Though Satan's wrath beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While Thou art near, we will not fear;
Thy strength shall never fail us.
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath
Our souls from Thee shall sever.
3. In all the strife of mortal life
Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its power,
For Thou shalt guard us surely.
O God, renew with heavenly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand at Thy right hand
Through Jesus' saving merit.

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.



C: A - men.

Response of Praise: Psalm 86

(on back)

Antiphon



Great are the works of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

P: Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me; For I am poor and needy.

C: Preserve my life, for I am holy.

P: You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You!

C: Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry to You all day long.

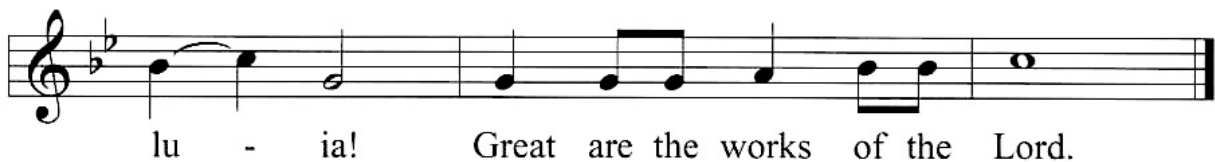
P: Rejoice the soul of Your servant,

C: For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

P: For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,

C: And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Antiphon



P: Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord;

C: Nor are there any works like Your works.

P: All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord,

C: And shall glorify Your name.

P: For You are great, and do wondrous things;

C: You alone are God.

P: Teach me Your way, O Lord;

C: I will walk in Your truth;

P: I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,

C: and I will glorify Your name forevermore.

Antiphon



Scripture Readings: Genesis 32:22 - 30

22 And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. 23 He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. 24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He [h]touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Response of Praise:

P: Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me:

C: O, my God, save Your servant that trusts in You

P: Be merciful to me, O Lord:

C: For I cry unto You daily.

P: Rejoice the soul of Your servant:

C: For unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

P: O God, my heart is fixed:

C: I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "

6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

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

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

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

Confession of Faith: The Apostles 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: 456 Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

1. Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat

Where Jesus answers prayer;

There humbly fall before His feet,

For none can perish there.

2. Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee,
And such, O Lord, am I.
3. Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within,
I come to Thee for rest.
4. Be Thou my Shield and Hiding-place,
That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce Accuser face
And tell him Thou hast died.
5. O wondrous Love, to bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead Thy gracious name!

Sermon Text: COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

*“2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;
3 At the same time, praying also for us, that God would open to us a
door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in
chains, 4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. 5 Walk in
wisdom toward those who are outside, making the best use of the time.
6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you
may know how you ought to answer each one.”*

THEME:

“Continue Earnestly in prayer!”

1. **Pray Especially for God to Open a Door to us for the Word.**
2. **Pray for the Wisdom and Courage to Speak His Word.**

Hymn: 770 I Hear the Savior Calling

1. I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless to live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now He calls for me!
2. I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven — My Savior calls for me!
3. I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others. Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings — My Savior calls for me!
4. I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.
From door to door I witness To share my Savior's plea;
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,
Beyond the simple gospel — My Savior calls for me!

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.

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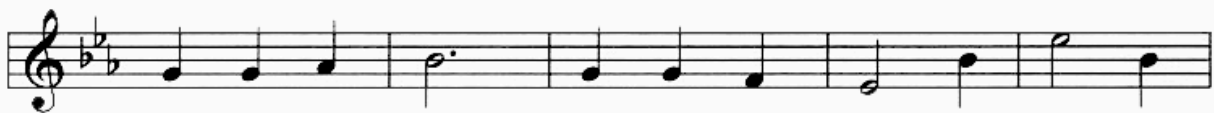
C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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.



Closing Hymn: 496 Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

1. Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
 "Who will go and work today?
 Fields are white and harvests waiting,
 Who will bear the sheave away?"
 Loud and long the Master calleth,
 Rich reward He offers thee;
 Who will answer, gladly saying,
 "Here am I, send me, send me"?

2. If you cannot speak like angels,
 If you cannot preach like Paul,
 You can tell the love of Jesus,
 You can say He died for all.
 If you cannot rouse the wicked
 With the Judgement's dread alarms,
 You can lead the little children
 To the Savior's waiting arms.

- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
 Standing high on Zion's wall,
 Pointing out the path to heaven,
 Offering life and peace to all,
 With your prayers and with your bounties
 You can do what God demands;
 You can be like faithful Aaron,
 Holding up the prophet's hands.

4. Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

Scripture Treasure to Remember:

Luke 10:2

*"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the
Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Sunday School and Bible Study after the Service.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30

Catechism Class at 4:00.

Thursday - Pacific Coast Pastoral Study Club at 2:00

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

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00 am.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20

CLC News

Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity in Spokane, WA, has **accepted** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church are dedicating their new church today.

Pastor David Ude who was our guest Mission Festival speaker this May, will be installed at St. Stephen in Mountain View, CA today.