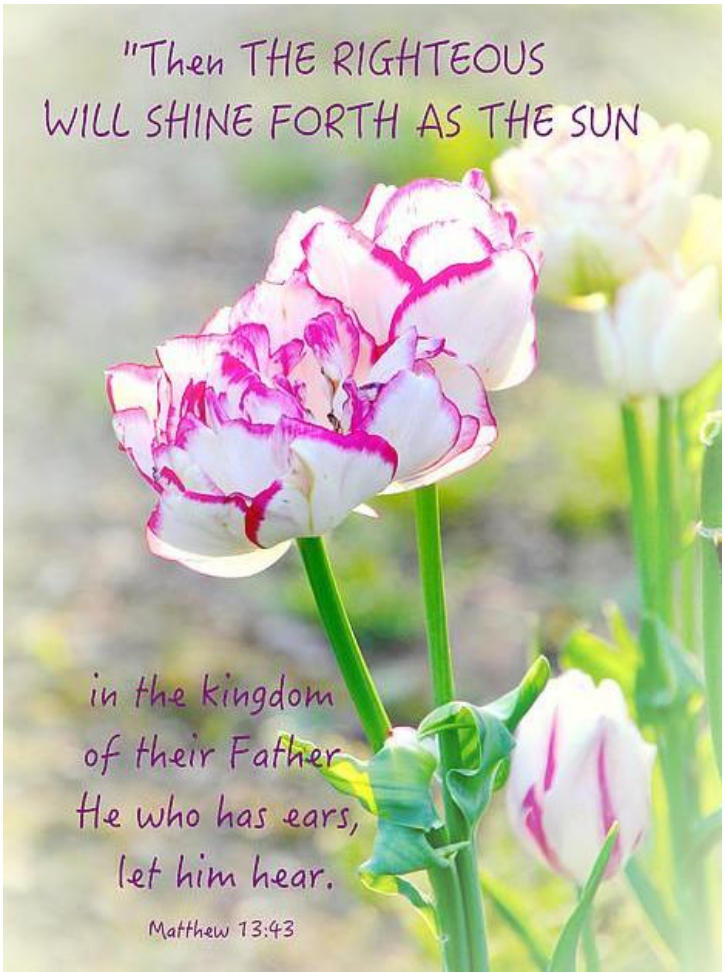




"Then THE RIGHTEOUS
WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN

in the kingdom
of their Father
He who has ears,
let him hear.

Matthew 13:43

Welcome to
SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to the Lord's House this morning for Divine Service. Rejoice, for the Lord comes to you here in this place to give you His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His precious means of grace – His Holy Word and Sacraments. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive these Divine gifts.

If you are visiting with us this morning, we want you to know that we are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by filling out a registration card found in the pew rack.

Members are also asked to fill out the registration card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher as you leave.

In the celebration of Holy Communion we joyfully receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. Since this is also a sign of our common confession of faith, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently confirmed members of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. If you wish to commune for the first time at St. Paul's, please speak to Pastor before the service.

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Thank you for joining us today. Come again soon!
You are always welcome here at St. Paul's!

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship
Lutheran Service Book –
Divine Service Four with Communion

Hymn of Invocation

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised” LSB #794

Invocation (*please remain standing*)

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord,
who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and

ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 86:11-15; antiphon: Ps. 86:6

P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

C **listen to my plea for grace.**

P Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

C **unite my heart to fear your name.**

P I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C **and I will glorify your name forever.**

P For great is your steadfast love toward me;

C **you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

P O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

C **and they do not set you before them.**

P But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Kyrie

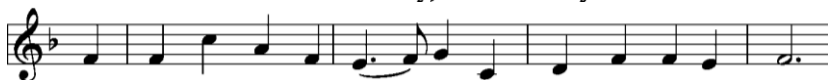


C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



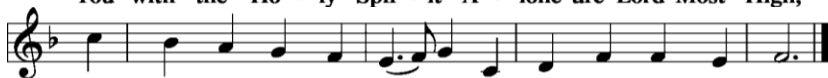
- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let

them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)

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

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

(be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LSB #575

Sermon

Nicene Creed *(please stand)*

All 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.

And 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.

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering

Prayers of the Church *(please stand)*

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we
pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

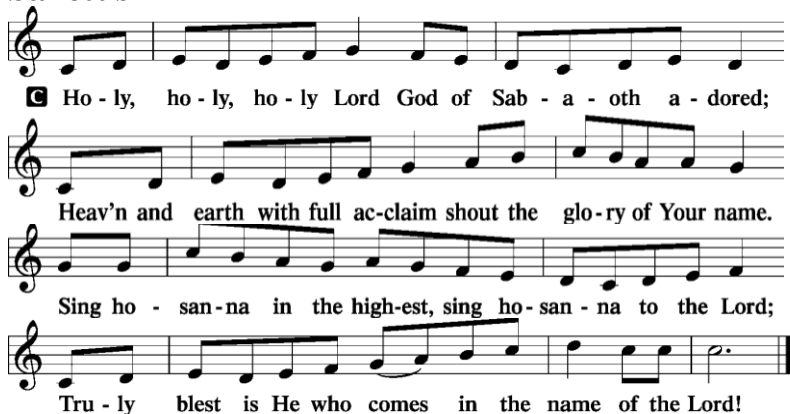
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all
times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy
Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless
blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation.
Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown
to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus
Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving
Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because
He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all
eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and
death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with
angels and archangels and with all the company of
heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,
evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - 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!

Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *"Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God, Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution (be seated)

(All members of our St. Paul’s family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup.)

The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. Gluten free wafers are available from a communion assistant.)

Distribution Hymns

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| “Have No Fear, Little Flock” | LSB #735 |
| “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You” | LSB #668 |
| “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” | LSB #636 |

Nunc Dimittis Collect (please stand)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



Post-Communion

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ,; Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C Amen.

(be seated)

Closing Hymn *“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”* LSB #923

Silent Prayer

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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Romans 8:25

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

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