



St. Paul Lutheran Church

9:30a Service of Worship
Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | June 28, 2026

May God's grace continue to overflow to and through you.

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

We hope you will use this bulletin during the week to have a song to sing, prayers to pray and give comfort, whether you are worshipping in person or from home on your electronic devices.

Although not all of us are physically together to worship, our Lord is still with us.

We give thanks for those who attend in-person and the technology that allows us to share the bulletin and the worship service on the website.

St. Paul has a Community Prayer Cross located outside near the road. You are welcome to leave a prayer request there or in the box when you enter, and it will be placed on the cross.

Important community ministries of St. Paul include the Tuesday Community Meal, Saturday Food Pantry, and the Early Childhood Learning Center. Your financial gift makes a difference for Christ and His kingdom and enables St. Paul to be *the community church that cares*. It can be made by online giving, on Sunday morning, mailed to the church, or dropped off during normal office hours - Monday-Friday • 9a-12noon.

May God bless you and give you peace!

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Prayer” – Humperdinck – Fonda Davies

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Response: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

Response: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Response: Amen.

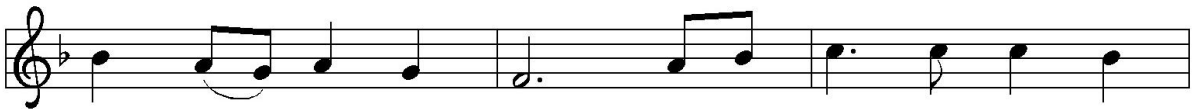
Gathering Hymn ~ All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O God,

Response: you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

scripture ~ Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture ~ Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³ “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Scripture ~ Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to

God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

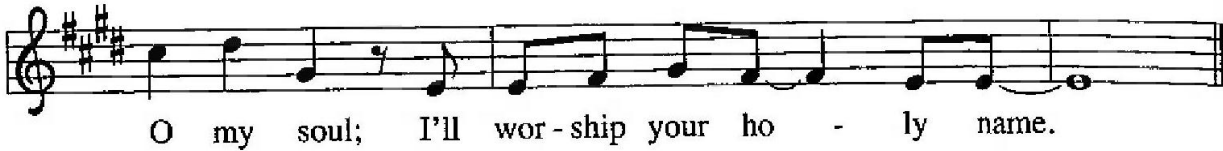
Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation ~ Bless the Lord O My Soul

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



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 The language in the refrain may be adapted to correspond with Psalm 103 in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*: "... worship God's holy name."

Gospel ~ Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **Response: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon ~ Pastor Ashley Nicolls

Hymn of the Day ~ Will You Come and Follow Me



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
- 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
- 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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Apostles' Creed

Assisting Minister: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed.

Response: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the Church

Assisting Minister: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

(pause for silence)

Assisting Minister: Faithful God,

Response: establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response:** hear our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Creator God,

Response: bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Loving God,

Response: bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Provider God,

Response: give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service.

Assisting Minister: Be especially with those we name now aloud or in our hearts. (pause)

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Living God,

Response: lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: Hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Eternal God,

Response: we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places.

Assisting Minister: God of grace, **Response: hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Response: Amen.**

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always. **Response: And also with you.**

Offering

*We gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us
for the mission of God and the care of the needy.*

All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed,

Online giving at www.stpaulsarasota.org/give is also available.

Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Response: Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Pastor: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Holy Communion

*(Those who want to partake of Christ's body and blood in their in their seats
may lift up their elements at this time).*

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Response: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

Response: 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.



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
 love ex - pressed,
 church, re - joice,

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Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

Children: And all God's children say, **Response: Amen. Yes!**

Postlude

"Festival Toccata" – Percy Fletcher – Fonda Davies

Coffee & Social Hour is held in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Eternal Candle is given this month by: the Flanigan Family

Bulletins this month are given by Helen Miller

Flowers are given this week by: Tracy Bateman in honor of Isabel's 9th birthday.

Attendance for last Sunday morning: 46 in-person; No views on-line no audio (6/22/26).

St. Paul Mission Statement

As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all so that by joyfully sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

sign ups

Help host or be with kids during the English/Spanish classes.

VBS helpers – July 27-29th 9:30-12noon; VBS also needs golf balls and egg cartons

Sanctuary hosts – Monday 9-12 or Saturday 8-11

to welcome those who want to pray into our sanctuary

St. Paul has on-going collections for these items. . .

Personal Care Items for the Food Pantry...toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, tissue, etc.

Cloth bags for food pantry groceries. Many of our clients ride bikes or the bus, so these bags help them take their groceries home.

Snacks for the Early Childhood Learning Center...toastie crackers, pretzels, pirate booty popcorn, raisins, healthy cereal, saltine crackers, chex mix, veggie straws, goldfish, animal crackers, graham crackers, cereal bars, cheez-its, cran-raisins, canned fruits.

Plain Epsom Salt to keep the plants healthy.

Symphony Salvage Blue Bin! Keep cleaning out your closets. Everything is accepted except large furniture and large appliances. If items don't fit in the bin safely, bring items to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or to the office during the week.

St. Paul's on-going ministries . . .

Hope Seeds – every 3rd Monday 1-3p in the Fellowship Hall. Come when you can, leave when you must. Put seeds in bags to help people across the world become self-sufficient.

Tuesday night Community Meal – 5:30p. Join in welcoming those from the neighborhood for a hot homecooked meal.

Wednesday morning – Property 8a-12n. Come and help keep the campus beautiful and safe.

Thursday morning – Food Pantry preparation 9:30a. All Faiths Food Bank drops off the food. Help organize it and put it into the bags for distribution on Saturday.

Thursday afternoon - Prayer Zoom – Talking with God! Join the prayer ministry.

Thursdays at 4p. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81662784525?pwd=QSt4TGNSR2F3L0ovUDJ3SVdWbjRYUT09>

Saturday morning – Food Pantry Distribution 9a. Come and help distribute food to those in need.

Please remember in your prayers...

All those serving in the U.S. Military, especially Gage Fournier. The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. The Florida-Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assisting Ministers to the Bishop Pastors Carlos, Derek, Nicole, and Rob, Specialists Kim, Bill, & Brittney, Support Staff Jordan, Yuliet, & Ileana.

SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. Community Meal and Food Pantry guests. Prayers upon the HOPE Community Prayer Cross. The Arlington Park Neighborhood.

St. Paul members, especially, Myrna Dority, Irene Felicetti, Sue Fisher, Joann, Kevin, and Michael Flanigan, and Bob Fong. St. Paul Early Childhood Learning Center teachers and students, especially Lawrence, Anna, Ms. Christie and Ms. Mariah

<p>Members</p> <p>Manny Acevedo Dottie Albright Beetle/Hildreth/Miller Family Dorothy Boller Susan Burmaster Judy Carnal Missy Craig Sue Fisher Joann Flanigan Bob Fong JoAnn Jordan Carolyn Masters James Millikan Valerie Nicolls Nancy Parmakian James Paulsson Cindy Paxton Colleen Ryan David Shannon Betty Smowton Sandy Tull</p> <p>Homebound Members</p> <p>Evelyn Gulliksen Lindy Lindemann Virginia McQuaig Michael Reiter Doris Schlotterback Carole Wilson</p> <p>Friends and Family</p> <p>Alice – friend of JoAnn Jordan Brad – brother of Cindy Paxton Cheryl Bydo - family of Roberts Debbie – friend of Scherrs Donnie – community meal guest Ed – friend of Sandy Choquette Jeff – community meal guest</p>	<p>Jim - son of Nancy Parmakian Lou-Ann – daughter of Helen Miller Mark – friend of M & D Hillerich MJ – friend of Ron Zimmerman Patty – sister of Cindy Paxton Ryan – community meal guest Sharon – friend of Jane Schubert T.J. and family. – community meal guest Sandi Acevedo – sister-in-law of Acevedo Jesus & Reyna Alegria – nieces-in-law of Sandy Tull Kareem Ali – friend of Fred Melton Clinton Allen – friend of Jim Paulsson Laura Anderson – niece of Roberts Billie Jean Athey – friend of C. Mele Sheryl Brandes – sister-in-law of Sue Scherr Lavinia Brown – friend of H. Puckhaber Buete and Pearson family– family of Brian McCulley Caroline Burmaster – sister-in-law of Susan Burmaster Wayne Cobb – friend of Carolyn Jacobson Todd Couch – son of Sandy Choquette John and Joy Emanuelli – friends of Roberts Gladys Faraone – friend of H. Roberts Tony Felicetti – brother of I. Felicetti Bill & Vickie Hall – family of Fonda Davies Niklaus Heisler – great-grandson of Irene Felicetti Katy Hernandez – niece of M. Acevedo Pr. John Hilficker – friend of Conrad Hellwege, Jr. Sandy Holloway – friend of H. Puckhaber Nicole Ketter – friend of S. Burmaster Kate Kretschmann- family of Lindy Lindemann</p>	<p>Karen Kugler – friend of Marty Hillerich Jesse Lugo – brother of Jose Lugo David McCall – brother of J. Roberts Marsha McKinney- former member Linda Munkelwitz – friend of Judy Carnal Becky Nobles – friend of L. Lindemann Linda and Jim Norris – family of Doris Schlotterback Karen Paulsson – sister of J. Paulsson Gary Perkins – friend of Judy Carnal Hannah Puckhaber – former attendee Manny Ribas – friend of Cindy Schlotterback Anita Rose – friend of Irene Felicetti Claude Russell – uncle of T. Bateman Brian and Ken Schlotterback—sons of Doris Schlotterback Haley Schlotterback – granddaughter-in-law of Doris Schlotterback. Bill Schroeder – friend of Conrad Hellwege, Jr. Bethany Smith – daughter of B&B Smith Joyce Swartzbaugh – Former Member Natalie Smowton Boxx – great-granddaughter of Betty Smowton Noel Scott Studenwalt – nephew of B&B Smith Bill Sweeney – grandson of Marilyn and George Hutfilz Michael Taylor – friend of Addy Miller Dan Torrence – friend of K. Snyder David Van Ness – brother of M. Craig Mark Vanderweight - friend of Jim Paulsson Andrea Waltje – friend of Irene Felicetti Curtis Weckwerth – cousin of Rich Weckwerth John and Janet Welther – family of Ethel Hamilton</p>
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