

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 11, 2023

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude in G"

F. Ritter

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

If we say we have no sins, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us - from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

[See back of bulletin]

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A READING FROM HOSEA

¹⁵I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. (Hosea 5:15-6:6)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:7-15 (Read responsively)

⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me.**

⁹I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,
nor he-goats out of your pens;

¹⁰**for all the beasts of the forest are mine,
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

¹¹I know every bird in the sky,
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

A READING FROM ROMANS

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also.

It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

(Romans 4:13-25)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd

had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district. (Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
[See back of bulletin]

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (In Unison)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Trusting in God’s abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

Unite all your people that the whole world may recognize that your mercy is greater than our ability to restrict it. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect your creation and watch over every living thing that you have made. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give leaders compassion for those who are neglected or forgotten. Inspire solutions which promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to speak the truth in love and keep us from foolish thought and wicked schemes. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Cast out violence, hatred, and bigotry from among your people. Help us to welcome all who are made in your image and likeness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew our faith and raise us with all your beloved saints, to new and abundant life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“You Raise Me Up”


R. Emerson

Sung by Jennifer Betz and Lindsay Blank

OFFERTORY HYMN

“As Grains of Wheat”

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.\

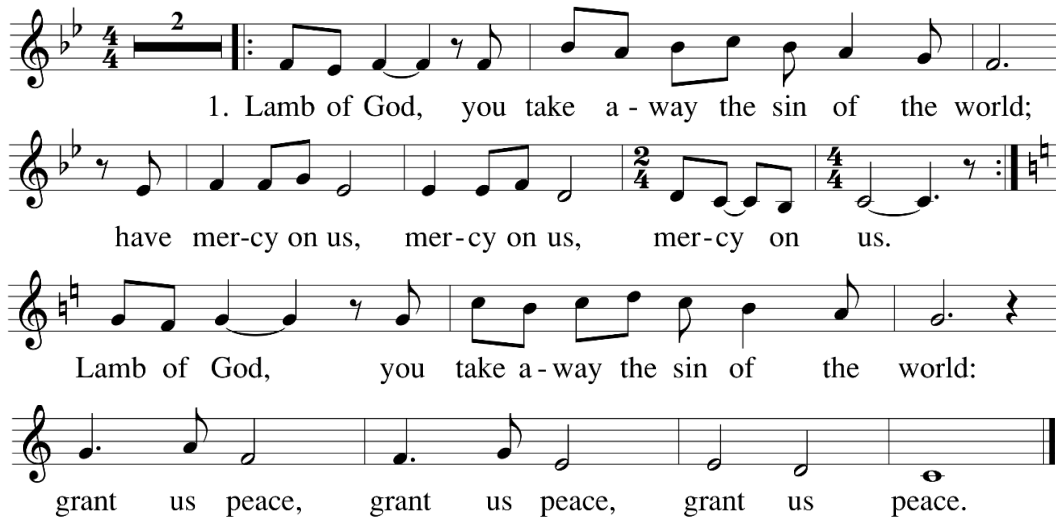
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest. Those who are unable to come forward should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament and they will be communed as they sit in their pew.

AGNUS DEI



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN "Healer of Our Every Ill" [See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso"

G. F. Handel

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Introduction to the Day: Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—who did not observe the requirements of their faith. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God’s mercy continues to be made known to those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather for worship, God sends healing to us so that we may signs of God’s mercy for the world.

Altar flowers are presented in honor of James P. Withers by Wayne & Ruth Ann.

Chancel flowers are presented in memory of Larry O’Rourke by the Sterner Family.

Bulletins are presented in memory of Ann and Lamar Butler by Tina & Scott Butler.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (6/11/23)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Carl Heintzelman; LECTOR: Deb Bolinsky

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sue Reier

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko, Beth Post, and Amy Dewald

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlkene Eidam

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (6/18/23)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Carl Heintzelman; LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Bill Smoot

ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht

COUNTERS: Joyce O’Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, June 11	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Refreshments following our worship service
Wednesday, June 14		FLAG DAY
Friday, June 16	10:00 AM	STiC SRT Walk in Auburn
Saturday, June 17	10:00AM 5:30 PM	“Walking to Bethlehem” Event at Landingville Worship
Sunday, June 18	9:30 AM	FATHER’S DAY Worship with Holy Communion

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Committees, groups, families, or individuals can sponsor a table to provide light refreshments for a fellowship hour following the 9:30 a.m. worship service during the summer months. Please consider sponsoring a fellowship table. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering room.

TIME & TALENT SURVEY

Our 2023 Time and Talent Survey was included in June’s newsletter. If you have not done so already, please complete this survey for each member in your household aged 16 and above. The information you provide will not only assist us now but will be helpful as we move forward in faith.

Place completed surveys in the offering plate, drop them off at the church office, or mail them to us at

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 156
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Attn: T&T Survey.

Thank you!

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our monthly newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube. And get to know us better! We are a Lutheran congregation with a rich tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship and work together here -- to the glory of God!

WALKING TO BETHLEHEM

Help us achieve the equivalent number of miles as if we walked right across the ocean to Bethlehem! “Walking Diaries” are available in the Gathering Room at our small display. St. John’s, Salem, and St. Paul’s are joining forces to make this happen this summer. To make it even better, we are hosting three special outings for families (parents must accompany children) and anyone who wants to join. These activities will yield **DOUBLE POINTS** (miles). All events are “rain or shine” and scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Our first event is this coming Saturday, June 17 in Landingville, PA. We will meet at the Tunnel Road trail head parking lot for the Schuylkill River Trail. There we will meet our host and pick up our adventure materials. The trail is flat and easy to walk with beautiful views of the river. Our activities will include leaf identification.

Your coordinator, Sue Reier

JOIN US FOR SNACKS AND GAMES

Our Sunday School’s first summer activity will take place on Sunday, June 25th, following the church service. Children and adults are invited to play board games while they snack at our summer fellowship table. You can play a game that is provided or bring one of your own to share. Sunday School will be provided during the church service for any children that attend. We can’t wait to see you there!

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GATHERING

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

HYMN OF THE DAY “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

COMMUNION HYMN “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

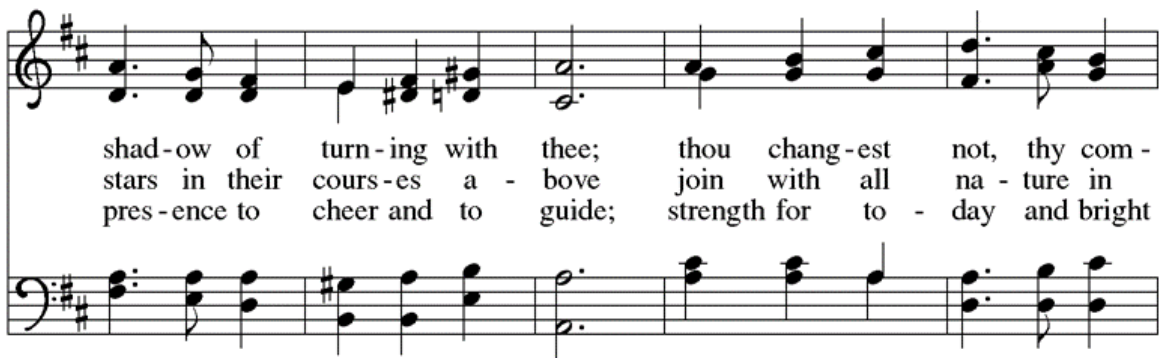
peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

SENDING HYMN

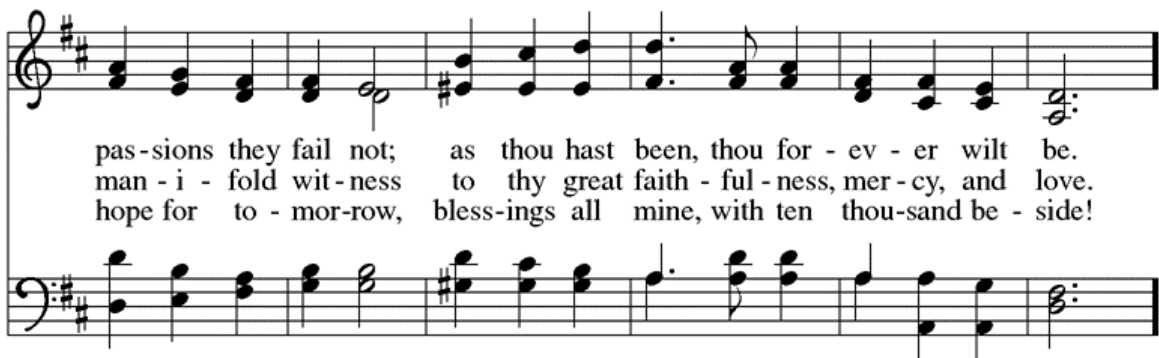
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!