

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

*Growing in faith. Growing in community.
Welcoming all in Jesus' name.*



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, June 22, 2025

**10 AM Service of
Holy Communion**



This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We believe all people are created in God's image. Rooted in Jesus' ministry of liberation, unconditional love, and hospitality, we strive to welcome all into our community. This welcome explicitly includes those who have traditionally been marginalized in the church and society due to their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, racial and ethnic background, physical ability, developmental ability, citizenship/documentation status, and socio-economic status.

We hope that our young people experience God in our gathering together. Families are welcome to use the Playground in the rear corner of the sanctuary if you want more space, and to use the Playground in the narthex if you need a break from the activities in the sanctuary. Most of all, know that the joyful noise of young people in our worship is welcome!

**Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex.
If you need any other help with worship, please speak
with an usher at the doors to the sanctuary.**

✝ GATHERING ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.

PRELUDE

“Canzona”

Richard I. Purvis

LIEBSTER JESU

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

DIALOG AND INVOCATION

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

it is enough, for us, that God

comes in a soft, summer shower.

When our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt,

it is enough, for us, that God

opens up the fountains of faith for us.

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

it is enough, for us, that God

wraps us in the silence of grace.

Let us worship in the name of the Father,

and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, b. 1934

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace given to us in Jesus Christ, the power of God who calls us with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

✠ WORD ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet sent to a rebellious people

A reading from Isaiah:

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat the flesh of pigs,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself;
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake
and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

Empowered by the word, may the Spirit grant us courage
to journey, trust, listen, and speak in a world that does not want to hear.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

- ²² **I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**
- ²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- ²⁴ **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

In baptism, clothed with Christ; no longer Jew or Greek

A reading from Galatians:

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Empowered by the word, may the Spirit grant us courage
to journey, trust, listen, and speak in a world that does not want to hear.

Please stand, as you are able.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Creation Setting

Marty Haugen

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. _____

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus casts out demons possessing a man of the Gerasenes

The Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cris Frigm

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, We Gather As Your People

ACS 1038



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Kyra Brown
Laurel Frigm
Girija Rayapati
Maribel Santana
Janeen Yeager

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

A sponsor introduces each new member or household.

I present Name who desires to become a member of this congregation.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of our triune God, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in

our community, especially those who have joined our congregation today. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick, especially those on our prayer list, and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Give perseverance to those of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly and those of our partners in ministry, especially Hope Lutheran Church in New Castle and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Dover. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Blessed be Christ, our peace,
who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The assembly exchanges Christ's peace
in word and gesture, saying,
Peace be with you.*

Be seated.

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*In response to God's love in Jesus Christ,
we offer our gifts for service and mission.*

*At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask **visitors** to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask **members** to update any changes to their information so records are maintained.*

ANTHEM

"Still, Small Voice"
Summer Choir

Douglas Nolan

Please stand, as you are able, and sing as the gifts are presented and the table is set.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Creation Setting
Marty Haugen



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, _____

— and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. —

Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the

hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, — and give us a fore - taste

of the feast to come. —

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth
all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

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.

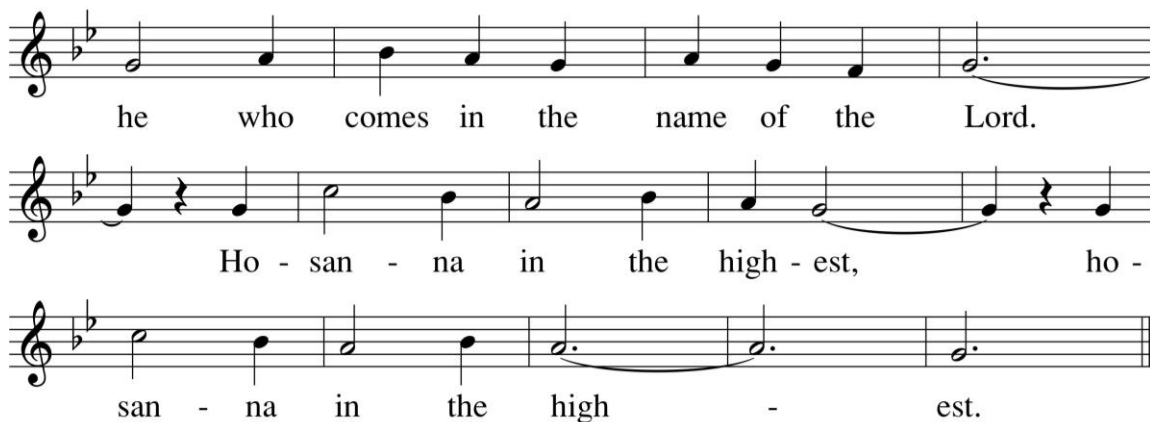
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Creation Setting
Marty Haugen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals, the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

**When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.**

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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing,
his body given up, and his victory over death,
**we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.**

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

**your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The kingdom of God is set before you.

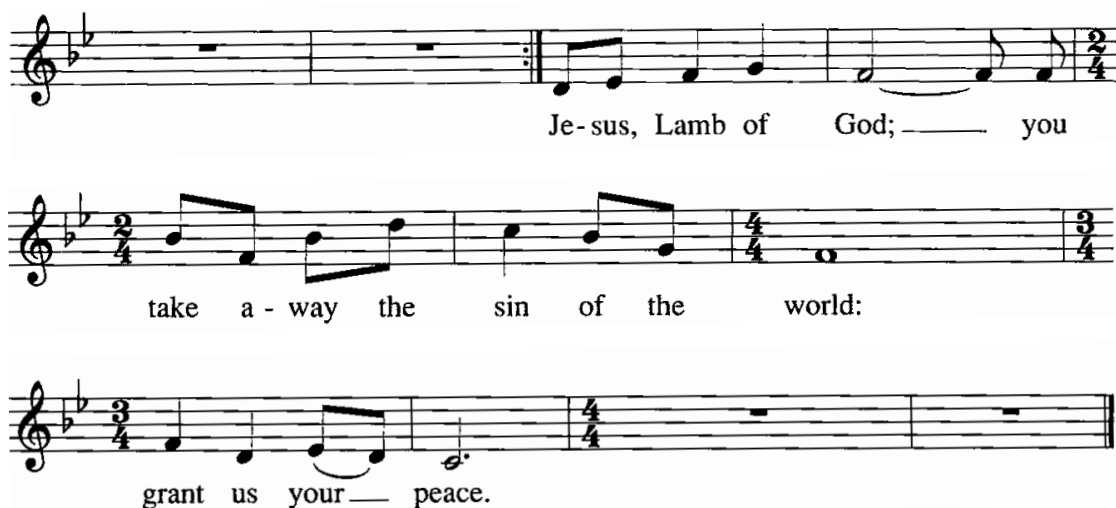
We come to eat and rejoice.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Creation Setting
Marty Haugen

Je - sus, Lamb of God; ——— you take a - way the

sin of the world, ——— have mer - cy on — us.



Be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those who choose not to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.

Non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

Found on . 19

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,

Refrain



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

TFF 62



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come
2 With pit - y - ing eyes of the Prince of Peace be -



un - to me and rest, and rest; lay down, thou wea - ry
held our help - less grief, our grief; he saw, and oh, a -



one, lay down thy head up - on my breast."
maz - ing love! He came to our re - lief.

Refrain



Shine on me, shine on me, let the light from the



light-house shine on me. Oh, shine on me, shine on



me, let the light from the light-house shine on me.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, adapt.

Music: SHINE ON ME, traditional

*After all have communed and returned to their places,
please remain seated.*

BLESSING AND PRAYER

Strengthened by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and kept in his grace, we pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you are able.

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Cast Out, O Christ

ACS 1016

Found on p. 22

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory” - arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

CWM RHONDDA

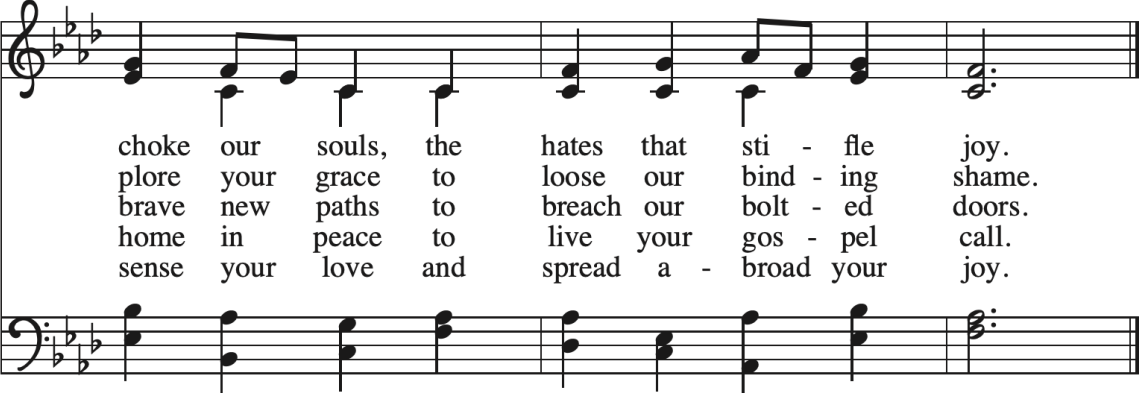
Cast Out, O Christ



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Marjorie Chin
Lector: Barb Rhodes
Bread Provider: Linda Radwick
Altar Guild: Janet Mease
Flower Guild: Keith Tyson



The flowers in the chancel
are given to the glory and praise
of God in celebration of their
sixty-fourth wedding anniversary
by Dean and AvaJo Shippy.



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*Return to your home, and declare
how much God has done for you.*

Luke 8:39

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2025

LECTIONARY 12/PROPER 7 (YEAR C)

Before God saves us in baptism, we are held prisoner to hostile spiritual forces. Some of them are known to us and some are of our own making. Often we do not see or recognize the spirits that trouble us. As we come into God's presence today, a word of liberation is announced to us.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming new members is a significant occasion in the life of our congregation. We give you thanks for those whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

Kyra Brown
Laurel Frigm

Girija Rayapati
Maribel Santana
Janeen Yaeger

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Next Sunday, June 29, we will recognize our graduates in worship. If you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, or a trade school, please contact the church office (office@stpaulsnewarkde.org) by this Wednesday, June 25, so that we can congratulate and pray for them as they transition to a new stage of their journey.

SPECIAL ADULT FORUM

Pastor Cris will be sharing about his work as a Navy Reserve Chaplain **next Sunday, June 29**, after worship. Bring your questions about his ministry and hear more about what it is like to serve in the Navy "part-time."

SUMMER CHOIR

Want to join the choir without making a year-long commitment? Want to see what it is like to offer sung prayer in worship? Then join the Summer Choir on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the choir loft. Learn a simple anthem to be sung in the service that morning. Can't make it every week? Come, when you can.

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1PM in the Youth Room. If you have a book that you would like to share with the group, please let us know. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

June 25 "The Measure" by Nikki Erlich

July 23 "There There" by Tommy Orange

THANK YOU TO OUR NEW FISH FRIENDS!

The FISH team is tremendously grateful to the volunteers who showed up on Wednesday to help out with our food pickup and packing. Our concerns that we would be short-handed due to the change of day and the absence of students were proven to be unfounded, thanks to the half-dozen of you who pitched in to help. Thank you!

HOLY HIKE

Our next hike will be on Sunday, June 29, along the C & D Canal, east from Biddle's Point. This will be a four-to-five-mile hike – out and back, along a flat, paved trail. We will meet at the trail head at Biddle's Point off Cox Neck Road in Delaware City.

PRESCHOOL STAFF INSTALLATION

St. Paul's School Board cordially invites the congregation to join them in welcoming Dr. Watts with her official installation in worship on **Sunday, July 6**. We will be holding a celebration to mark the occasion after the service and look forward to renewed school-congregation engagement in the year ahead!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Dear St. Paul's Church Family,

We are excited to share the wonderful progress being made as we prepare for the reopening of St. Paul's Lutheran School! Over the past several weeks, we've been working faithfully to bring our vision of faith-based school to life.

We've launched an updated [website](#) and a new [Facebook](#) page! Please follow and check us out if you have not done so. Our goal is to put our name back out there in the community. Please share our flyers and website to family and friends!

With help from dedicated members classroom cleaning is underway. We'll continue organizing cleanup days to prepare for reopening. If interested in volunteering, feel free to reach out to Ms. Linda Radwick or Ms. Janet Mease.

We're actively recruiting teachers and enrolling students for our grand re-opening Tuesday, September 2nd. We will be serving children from ages 3 to 5, as well as School Age students from the local schools in the area (Newark Charter, McVey, and Brookside Elementary) for before and after care. Spread the word!

God is moving mightily through this ministry, and we are so thankful for your prayers, support, and encouragement. We look forward to continuing this journey with you as we plant seeds of faith and learning in the hearts of children.

With gratitude,

Dr. Rae Watts

Director, St. Paul's Lutheran School



Vital Signs

May 2025 Avg. Sunday Attendance		YTD Average Sunday Attendance		
80		90		
	May 2025 Activity (\$)	YTD Balance (\$)	Budget YTD (\$)	Over/Under YTD + (-) (\$)
TOTAL INCOME	26,059.33	131,958.00	146,016.00	(14,058.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,143.70	151,465.24	145,798.00	5,667.24
DIFFERENCE	(12,084.37)	(19,507.24)		

- **Income:** YTD is 10% (\$14,058.00) behind YTD budget projections. Pledged giving is 2% ahead of budget, while unpledged giving continues to lag budget by 46%. For pledges that are fulfilled at the beginning of our Fiscal Year, the received income is evenly distributed into the operating budget over the course of the year. The above figures reflect the YTD portion of that income.
- **Admin Expense:** YTD is 2% (\$135.33) above budget due to office supplies, postage, admin, retreat and office equipment expenses.
- **Worship & Music Expenses:** YTD are 62% (\$1,704.54) above budget due to vocal music, instrumental music, online resource licensing, instrumental maintenance & tuning and miscellaneous worship expenses. Several of these items are seasonal, annual or semi-annual expenses.
- **Total Property Expenses:** YTD are 22% (\$6,740.80) above budget YTD due to high utility, cleaning supplies, contracted building services, HVAC repairs and inspections expenses. Again, several of these items are annual, semi-annual or seasonal expenses.
- **Committee Expenses:** YTD are 15% (\$39.45) above budget YTD due to membership ministry expenses.
- **All Other Expense Categories (Personnel, Faith Formation, Mortgage and Benevolence):** All these categories are running at or under budget.



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*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*



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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

Articles due by Wednesday morning at

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the following week. Please send articles to

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