

**July 20, 2025
Welcome to Worship
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Bread of Life Liturgy**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
9844 SW Greenville Road
Greenville, MI 48838**

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Sharing the joy of Christ.



GREETINGS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 525 YOU ARE HOLY



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

WELCOME

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. (Hands out)

KYRIE SETTING – BREAD OF LIFE – WOV - SPOKEN

Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy:

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.



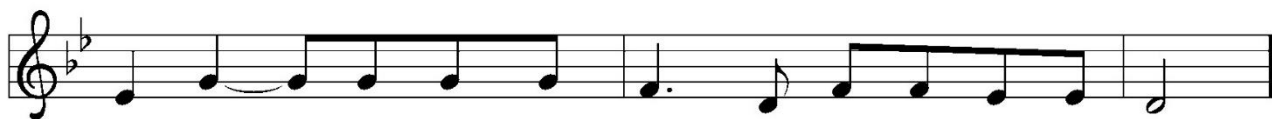
CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW 856 HOW GREAT THOU ART



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING AMOS 8:1-12

A reading from Amos.

8 This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. ² He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit."

Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will spare them no longer.

³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,"
says the Lord God;

"the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!"

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,

and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

- ⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?
- ⁹ On that day, says the Lord God,
I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.
- ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on all loins
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son
and the end of it like a bitter day.
- ¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,
when I will send a famine on the land,
not a famine of bread or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the Lord.
- ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,
but they shall not find it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Justice is what
love looks like
in public.

PSALM 52

¹ Why do you boast, O mighty one,
of mischief done against the godly?

² **All day long you are plotting destruction.
Your tongue is like a sharp razor,
you worker of treachery.**

³ You love evil more than good
and lying more than speaking the truth.

⁴ **You love all words that devour,
O deceitful tongue.**

⁵ But God will break you down forever;
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living.

⁶ **The righteous will see and fear
and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,**

⁷ “See the one who would not take
refuge in God
but trusted in abundant riches
and sought refuge in wealth!”

⁸ **But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.**

**I trust in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.**

⁹ I will thank you forever
because of what you have done.
In the presence of the faithful
I will proclaim your name, for it is good.



SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

A reading from Colossians.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 172



GOSPEL LUKE 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY- ELW 793 BE THOU MY VISION



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**The only way to
 see life clearly is to
 focus on Christ.**

— From OUR DAILY BREAD



APOSTLES' CREED

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.

**The word catholic with a small "c" means all Christians.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Inspire your church, like Martha and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known.
God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. We especially lift prayers for God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

For all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you. (hands out)

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG ELW 692 WE ARE AN OFFERING

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering
All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You.

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. (pause)

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

DIALOGUE BREAD OF LIFE WOV SPOKEN

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.



ECUMENICAL* LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*** Ecumenical means all Christians. Our Lutheran theology offers two different versions of the Lord's Prayer for our use in worship. First, there is the standard one—the one we probably know by heart. And then we have this second one. It was written in collaboration with our ecumenical partners in faith. When we pray it on Sunday morning, we are praying with our brothers and sisters in Christ...a joining together in prayer. What are the positive attributes of this prayer? The language has been updated to be more understandable in these times. Also, because it is fresh, we are likely a bit more mindful as we pray.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD BREAD OF LIFE SPOKEN

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

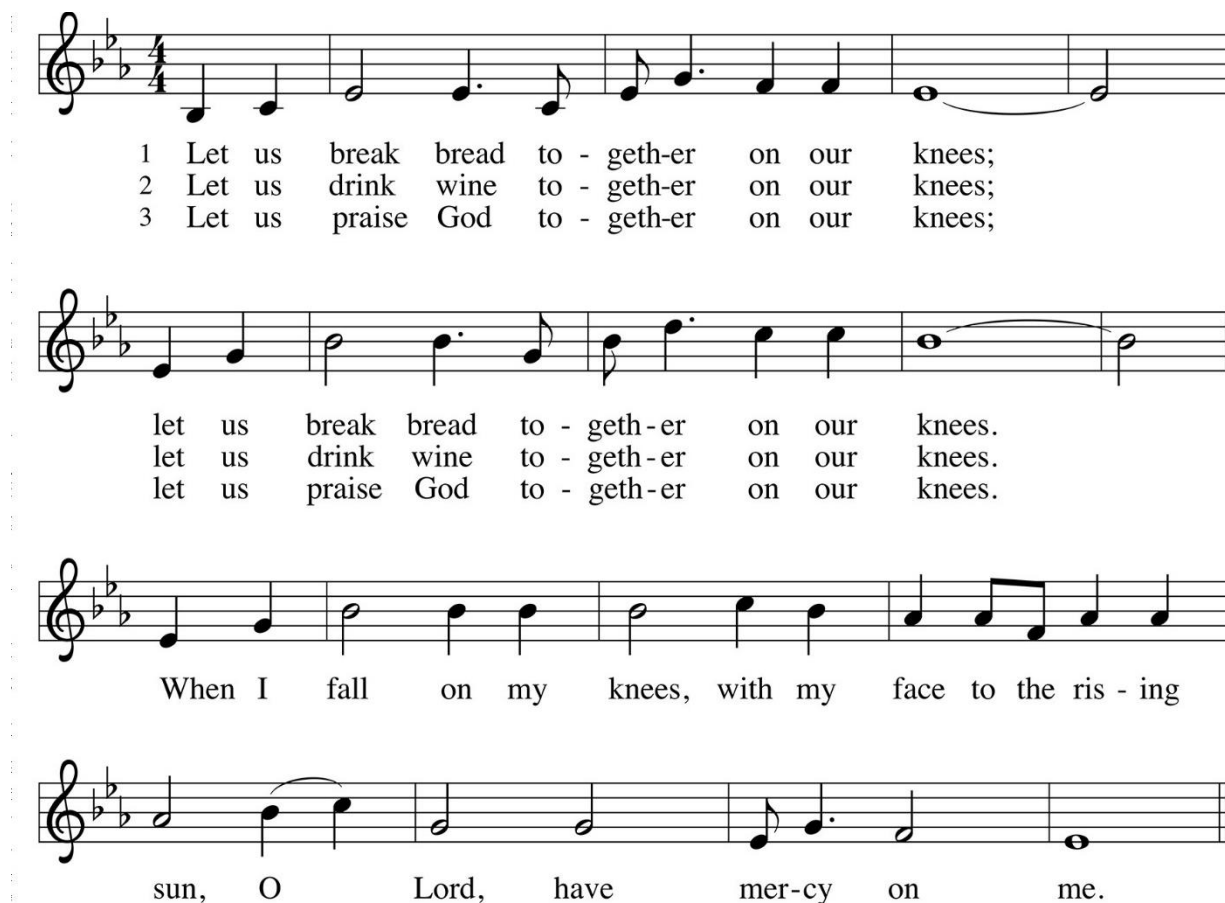
This is God's table, so all are welcome to receive. If you need our servers to bring communion to you, please let an usher know.

As you receive the bread and wine:
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Each person may respond: **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

We sing praises to God who offers us the means of grace: the body and blood of Jesus.

ELW 471 LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

ELW 785 WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER



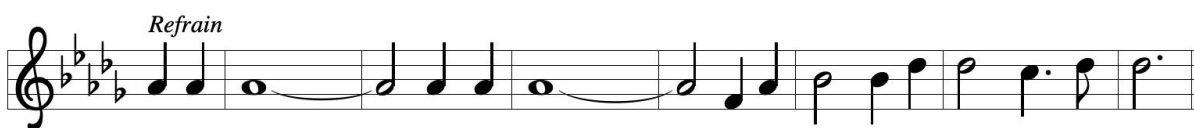
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

FINAL BLESSING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GOOD NEWS (ST. PAUL)

BLESSING

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.

SENDING HYMN ELW 866 (EXTRA VERSES AT THE BOTTOM) WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: TRUE NORTH

JULY 22 – JULY 24

SIGNUP FORMS ON THE TABLE BY THE BULLETINS

PRAYER CHAIN FOR ST. PAUL

If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Lynn Cooper at 616-754-5579.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONS

The 3rd quarter devotion books are now available in a plastic stand back by the mailbox area.....near the door to the food pantry.

ST. PAUL HEALING PRAYER LIST

Bob Marvin, **Carol** Rasmussen, **Dennis** Dombkowski, **Joanne** Bryer, **Terry** Horst, **Father Jim** Wyse, **Shirley** Sly, **Pastor John** Autio.

Prayers for Clark McCreedy and the National Firefighting team.

****We cleaned up the prayer list. If you want to have someone added, please email the main office or leave a voicemail on the main church phone number.*

MILITARY

Brian Blomstrom, **Chris** Miller, **Hanah** MacMillen, **JD** Johansen, **Marcus** Roy, **Ryan** Treynor, **Steve** Kowalewicz, **Troy** Thornburg, **Tyler** Markum, **Vaughn** Misner, **Victor** Rivera, **Vinnie** Baza.

July Serving Calendar

Date	Assisting	Proclaimer	Sound	Lead Usher	Nursery	Counters	Musician
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6 th	Alicia	Barb B.	L, D, KH	Curt	Donny	KH, JS	Sarah
13 th	Connie	Lynn	D, P, D	John	Shirley	JC, LB	Linda
20 th	Rocky	Kevand	L, D, LB	Bob	Amy	SH, CT	acapella
27 th	Dorinda	Josh	P, L, T	Kevand	Linda	K, D	Ryan

-This Week-

Sunday July 20th

Worship **9:30AM**

Monday July 21st

Visioning Taskforce 5PM

Al-anon **7PM**

Tuesday July 22nd

Staff Meeting 10:30AM

Food Pantry 10-12

530 – 745pm Vacation Bible School

Wednesday July 23th

Bible Study – Holy Spirit

Food Pantry 5:30-7:30PM

530-745pm Vacation Bible School

Thursday July 24th

530-745pm Vacation Bible School

Friday July 25th

Shalom ZOOM 1:30 PM qS7rfD.

Saturday July 26th

Sunday July 27th

WORSHIP 9:30AM

Green Acres – worship at 3 pm

Pastor leaves after worship to be a

Voting member at the ELCA Churchwide