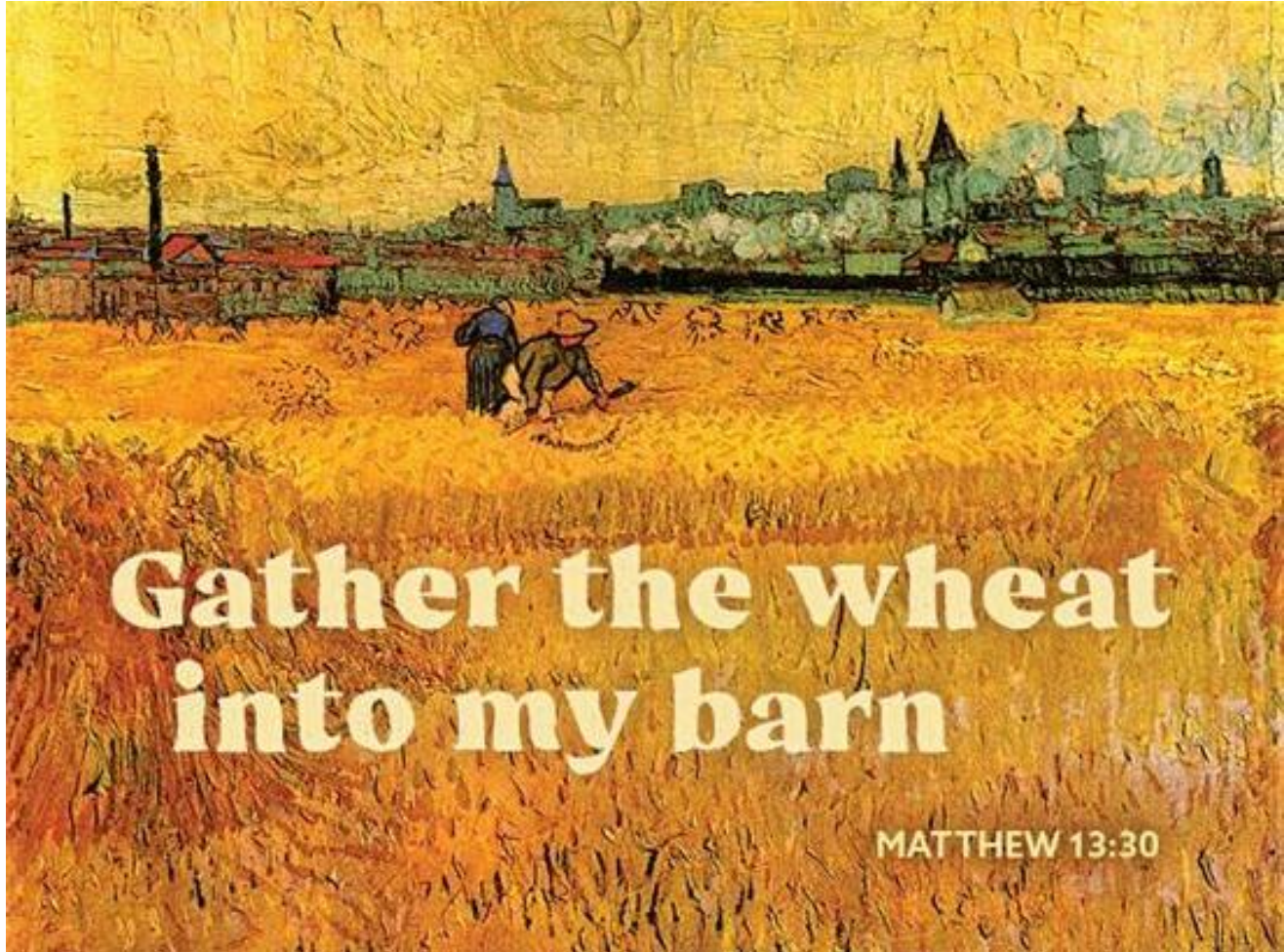


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 19th, 2026



WELCOME

To our **Church Family**

We're Glad You're Here!



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please visit our Welcome Center in the North Narthex. As our way of saying thank you, you will receive a St. Paul's Welcome Bag with a coffee cup and information about our church. You may also want to download our new St. Paul's App and visit our website. Information on both is in the Welcome Bag.

For our young worshipers we have children's packets to play and color with during the service. These are on the white stand near the east entrance to our sanctuary.

You are welcome at the table!

If you have been baptized and believe Christ is present in the Eucharist (Holy Communion), you are welcome to join us at the table. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and return to your seats using the side aisles. If you do not wish to partake in the Sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please just cross your hands over your chest when you come forward.

Grape juice and Gluten-free wafers are available on request. Grape juice is in the colored glasses in the center of the communion tray. If you are not able to come forward and would like to receive communion, please inform an usher and the pastor will bring communion to you.

Altar Flowers

The **Altar flowers** were given today by Patty Long & Sandi Bennett In Memory of our parents Jean & Howard Murphy

Introduction

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 44:6-8

There is no other God than the LORD

Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

Romans 8:12-25

The revealing of the children of God

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The parable of the weeds

The Westminster Strike

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Fanfare & Hymn on ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Alfred F. Fedak (b. 1953)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ELW 693

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.

KYRIE



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Consider the Lilies
Lexi Johnson, soprano

Roger Hoffman (b. 1951)

Consider the lilies of the field, How they grow. Consider the birds in the sky, How they fly. He clothes the lilies of the field. He feeds the birds in the sky. And He will feed those who trust Him, And guide them with His eye. Consider the sheep of His fold, How they follow where He leads. Though the path may wind across the mountains, He knows the meadows where they feed. He clothes the lilies of the field. He feeds the birds in the sky, And He will feed those who trust Him, And guide them with His eye. Consider the sweet, tender children Who must suffer on this earth. The pains of all of them He carried From the day of His birth. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the lambs in His fold, And He will heal those who trust Him, And make their hearts as gold.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

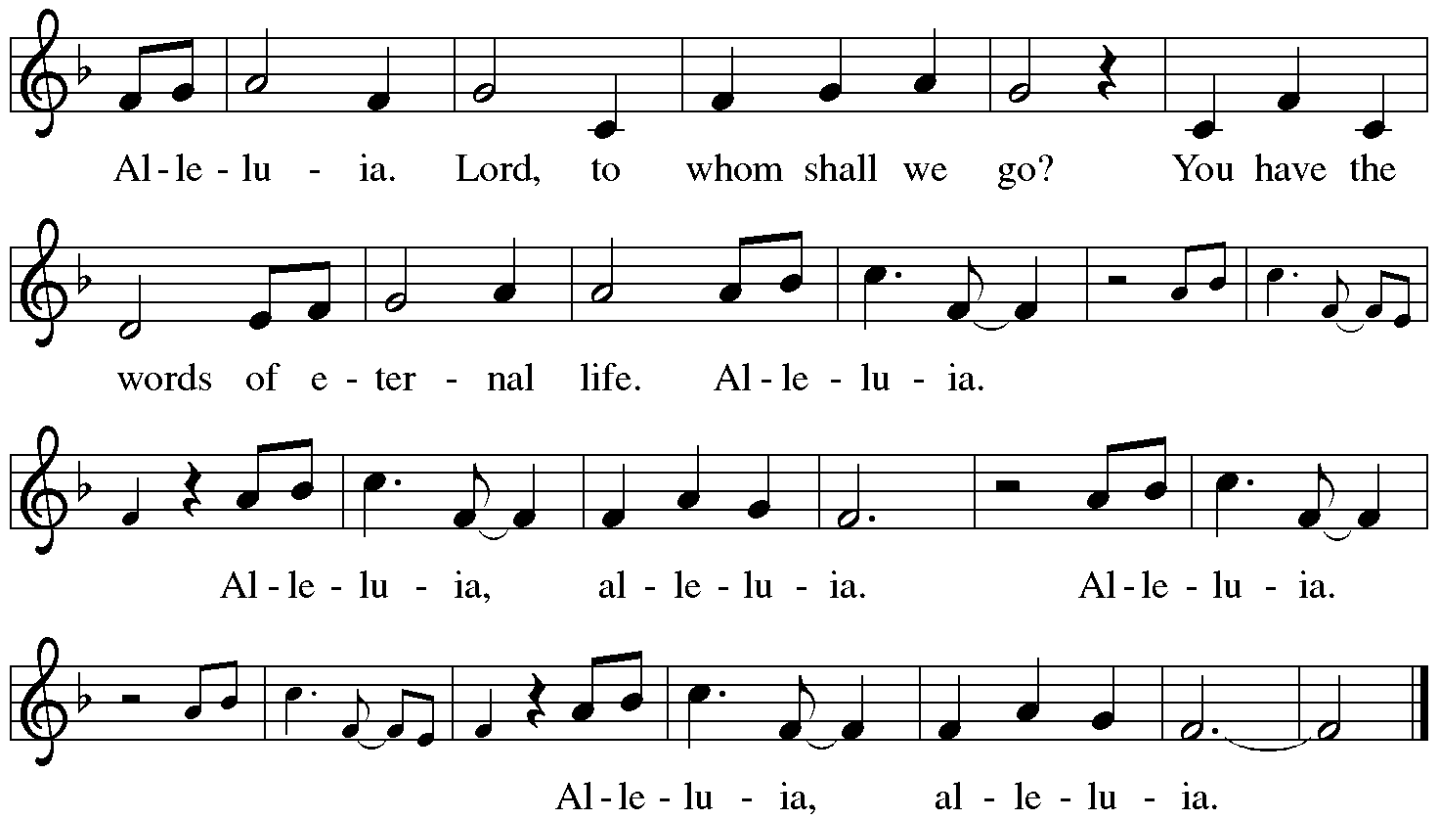
¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with

the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE



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

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kreemer

HYMN OF THE DAY Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast ELW 516

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition the following response is given:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

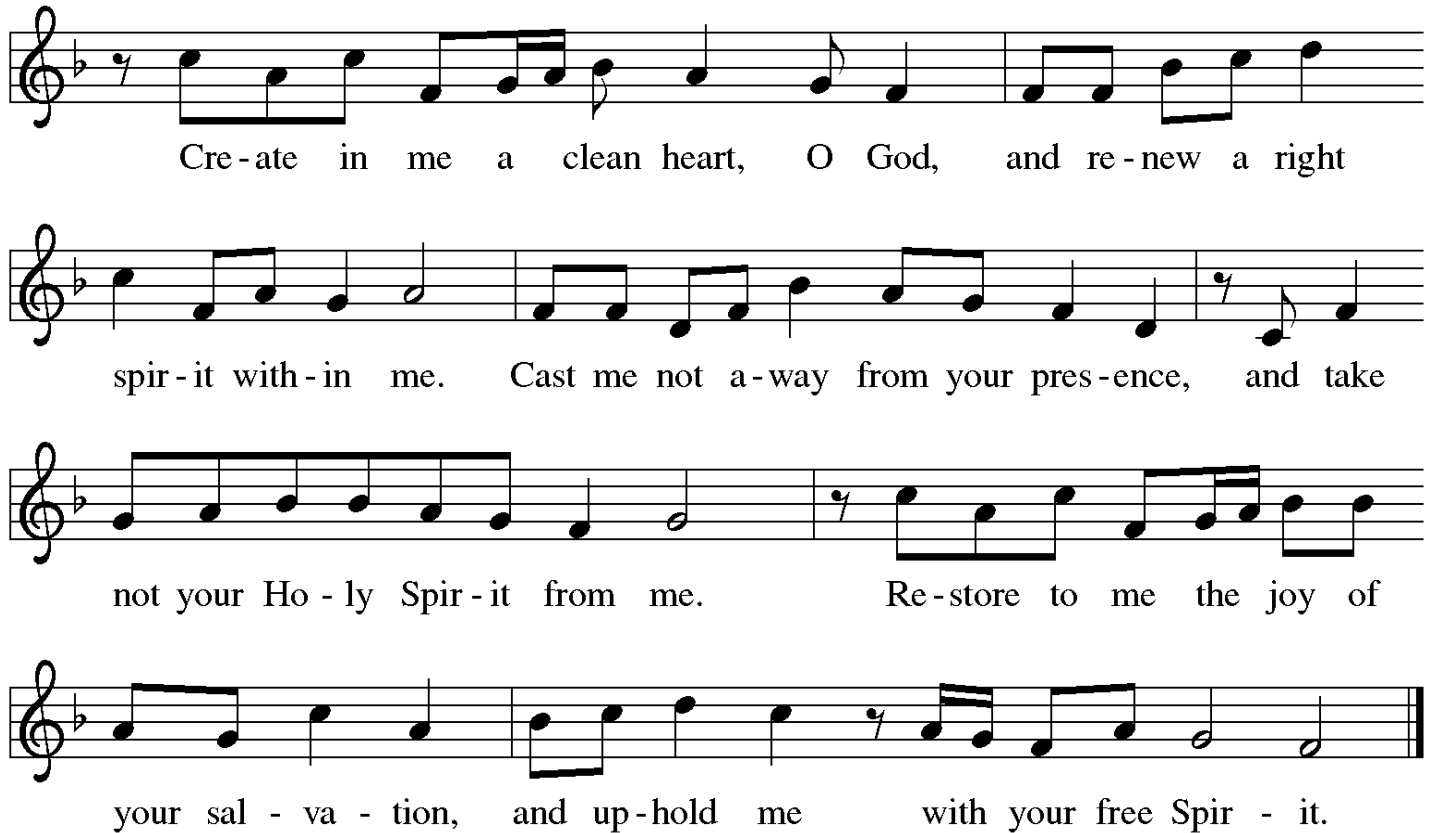
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offertory Anthem If I Say That You Are Holy Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)
Ms. Johnson, soprano

If I say that you are holy, Author of all mystery, do I mean that you are distant, unconcerned with one like me? No, I mean that you are wondrous, source of hope and fount of grace. Hear my prayer, Eternal Sovereign, show me your resplendent face. Holy, holy, holy! You are holy, Lord. Holy, holy, holy! You are holy, Lord. If I say that you are holy, God Incarnate, come to earth, do I mean that you are distant, quite indifferent to my worth? No, I mean that you are near me, love unbounded,

love divine. Hear my prayer, O brother, Jesus, make my heart your willing shrine. Holy, holy, holy! You are holy, Lord. Holy, holy, holy! You are holy, Lord. If I say that you are holy, God of pentecostal flame, do I mean that you are distant, unaware of my first name No, I mean you are unfettered, free to liberate and guide. Lead me, then, O Holy Spirit, into freedom, into life. Holy, holy, holy! You are holy, Lord. Holy, holy, holy! You are holy, Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

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,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:

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

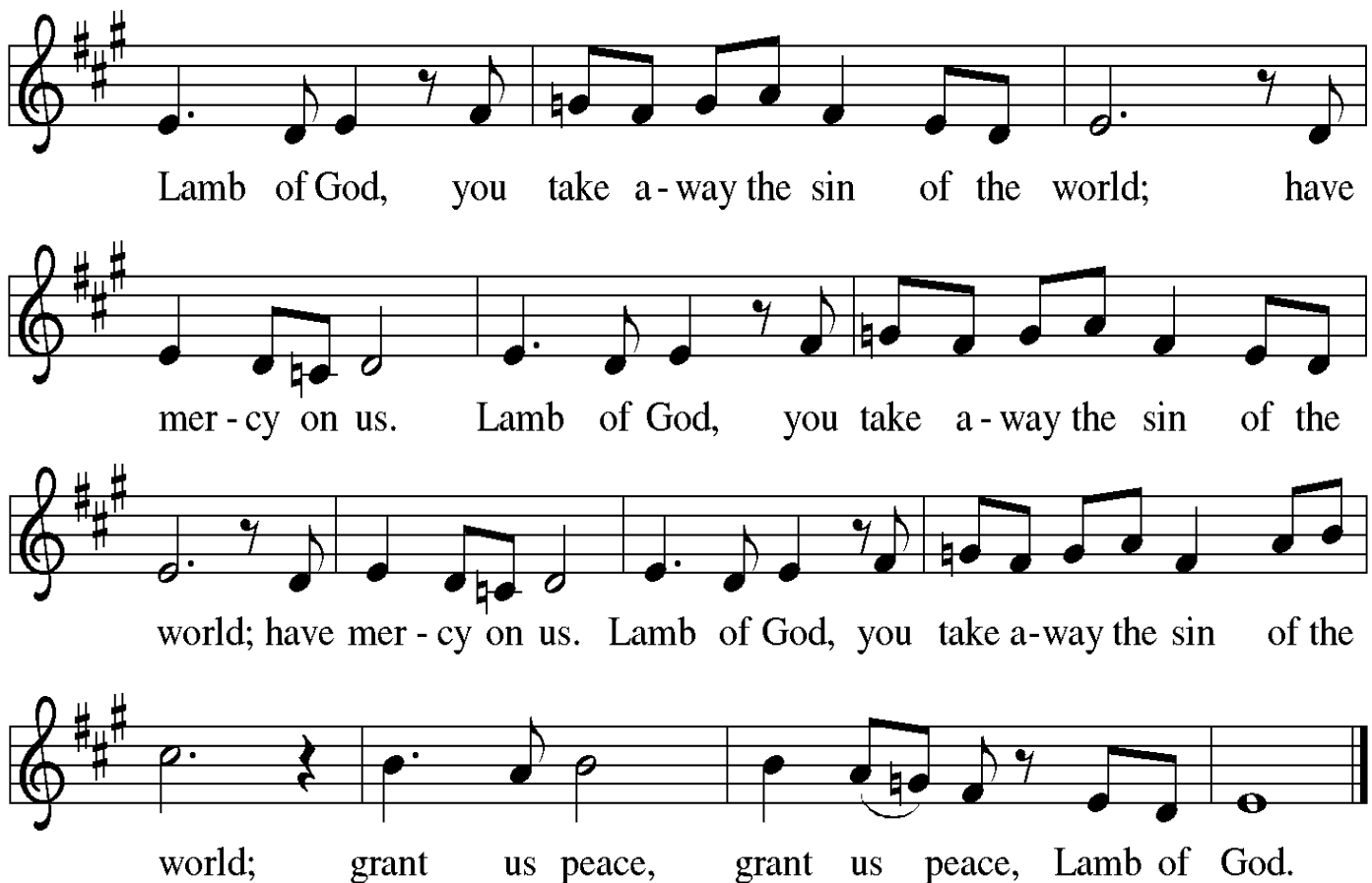
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION SONG



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

Communion	He Leadeth Me	arr. Cindy Berry (b. 1949)
	Wonderful Words of Life	arr. Berry

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: For the Fruit Of All Creation ELW 679

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Recessional in B-flat Roy Brunner (1945-2024)

In our prayers today we will remember

Jan Hawley, Bob Fox, Lynn Williamson, Cindy Lash, Bob & Marlene Rupp, ,
Judee Reed, Paul Staver, Richard Green, Abbie Deuble, Linda Wentling, Eric &
Rick Theiss, Maggie Paul, Amy Williams, Steve Kress, Judy Hall, Kenneth & Jean
Dexter, Anna Langenfeld, Karen Daily, Denise Korns.

Music Notes:

Lexi Johnson is a vocalist, private voice teacher, and musical director based in Canton, Ohio. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music with a focus in voice from the University of Akron in 2020, studying under Dr. Laurie Lashbrook after training with Dr. Katherine Rohrer at The Ohio State University. While completing her degree, she provided music instruction to immigrant and refugee families through Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services in Columbus.

During the pandemic, Lexi collaborated on remote freelance projects with musicians around the world. She has since returned to the North Canton Playhouse, performing, teaching, and directing in a community she has called home since 2004.

Her directing credits span youth, community, and high school theater, including *Alice by Heart* (2025), *Mamma Mia!* (2025), *Anastasia* (2024, 2025), *Little Shop of Horrors* (2024), *Finding Nemo Jr.* (2024), and *Something Rotten* (2023). As a performer, she specializes in sacred and classical repertoire, with highlights including *Carmina Burana*, *The Marriage of Figaro (excerpts)*, and Fauré's *Requiem*.

Rehearsals for the St. Paul's Steelband

Are you needing some island vibes this summer?

Come join the St. Paul's Steelband as we learn about the music and culture of Trinidad!

We meet on Wednesdays from 6-7pm in the education building. No music experience is required and those of all ages are welcome.

Nervous about your first rehearsal or just curious but can't come to class? See Eleanor before or after service to set up a free demo lesson!



Youth News

We have many youth and young adults that are very active in a variety of areas, and we want to spotlight them in The Bridge. If you know of someone you'd like to feature, please submit the information to the church office: Officeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org

Salvation Army's Back-to-School Bash

Beginning **July 12th**, we will be collecting school supplies for the **Salvation Army's Back-to-School Bash**. Please place all donations at the back of the church. Our last collection date will be **July 26th**.



Elementary K-3

Crayola Crayons, 24 pack
Crayola Markers
Elmer's Glue Bottle & Glue Sticks
Pencils #2
Large Pink Erasers
Fiskar Scissors – Rounded Top

Folders with 2 pockets & prongs
Spiral Notebook (wide ruled)
Ruler
Colored Pencils
Pencil Sharpener

Intermediate 4-6

#2 Yellow wooden pencils
Scissors
Crayons, 24 pack
Eraser (pink)
Elmer's Glue & Glue Sticks

Colored Pencils
Plastic folders with pockets and prongs
Composition Notebooks
Notebook Paper
Spiral Notebook

Jr. High 7-8

J#2 Pencils
Pens
Highlighters
Colored Pencils
Elmer glue stick

Scissors
Composition Notebooks
Ruler
Plastic folders with pockets and prongs
Notebook Paper

High School 9-12

#2 Pencils
Box of Markers
Notebook Paper (college ruled)
2-pocket folders

Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
Box of Colored Pencils
Composition Notebooks
Ruler

Church Picnic – Aug. 2nd Following Worship



We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs with an ice cream bar as a special treat.

Please bring a covered dish according to your last name.

A-F –side dish

G-N –dessert

O-Z –salad or appetizer

We will have special music from Ellie playing the steel drum.

After you have plenty to eat, you can join in on the fun outside.

There will be games on the lawn including a corn hole tournament with prizes.

Note: The Fellowship Committee will be in the kitchen to accept food before church

Annual Congregational Meeting August 16th

Please plan to participate in the Annual Congregational Meeting on August 16th following The Worship Service.



Have you checked out our website lately?

www.stpaulsmassillon.org

Find out upcoming events, the newsletter, calendar, concert information, Worship Bulletins, lectionary notes, livestream the services, history of our church, and much, much more!

Let us know you are here.

Please sign the St. Paul's Friendship Register at the end of your pew.



Summer Read & Conversation Opportunity

Thursday Mornings at 10 am.

Over the past several months, many people have asked an important question: What is a faithful Christian response to the times in which we live? Others have wondered how we can speak with family members, friends, neighbors, and fellow Christians who may see the world very differently than we do.

This summer, I invite those who are interested to read the book *The Separation of Church and Hate* together. The book explores the intersection of faith, politics, culture, and Christian witness in today's world. It raises challenging questions about how followers of Jesus are called to live with both conviction and compassion.

This conversation will not be for everyone, and that is perfectly okay. The goal is not political agreement, nor is it to debate winners and losers. Rather, the hope is to create space for thoughtful reflection, respectful conversation, and faithful listening.

As Christians, we are called to “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15). That means we can hold differing opinions while still treating one another with dignity, grace, and respect. Our congregation will continue to be a place where questions may be asked honestly and where people are valued as brothers and sisters in Christ, even when perspectives differ.

Our next blood drive is Monday, August 24th, 2026 from Noon to 6 pm.



The American Red Cross is declaring an emergency blood shortage as the blood supply fell nearly 25% in June. Blood donors are urgently needed to give now to help ensure patients receive lifesaving medical care without delay.

Unlike other medical treatments, blood cannot be stockpiled. It must be constantly replenished because it is only viable for

transfusion for a few weeks and in some cases, as with platelets, only a few days. Without it, lifesaving treatments and critical access to care are not possible. Emergency rooms can't function; maternity wards can't operate; cancer patients must wait.

The blood collected at St. Paul's drive has already been allocated to assist a patient in need. Please consider donating and encourage others to do the same.

Schedule an appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>





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Open the app and search for St Paul's by typing **STPLC APP**. Then click on the St Paul's logo—that's it.

Assisted Hearing Devices Available

Four assisted listening devices are available at the sound system table in the back of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Please see Jim Johnson or John Stanko if you need assistance with these devices.



You can also use your smartphone to access the system. Go to your app store and download the **WaveCAST** app. Then connect to the sanctuary Wi-Fi: **Network:** sound media **Password:** Sound127

Community Social Media Pages

Facebook & Instagram, Search “*Massillon Lutheran Churches*”

Facebook

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Coloring Page



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The Parable of the Weeds

Children's Activity Bulletins

Crayons and Children's Activity Bulletins are available at the side entrance. These are a fun way to spread today's Gospel to our younger ones.

Children's Activity Bulletin

July 19th, 2026

The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-29

Word Search Puzzle

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SOW WHEAT PARABLE	FIELD ENEMY HEAVEN	GOOD PULL BURN	UPROOT KINGDOM GROW	HARVEST SEED WEEDS
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Thank you to those serving today:

Presiding Minister	Rev. Mark Kreemer
Director of Music	Dr. Abigail Haake
Assisting Minister	Veronica Kreemer
Lector	Kathryn Myers
Greeters	Marilyn Norton
Communion Assistants	Shane Jackson & Scott Larson
Sacristan	Patty Long
Ushers	Jack & Marilyn Norton Karl Kalk, Craig Maurer
Acolytes	Scott Larson, Thomas Haake
Soundboard	Jim Johnson
Video/Live-Stream	John Stanko

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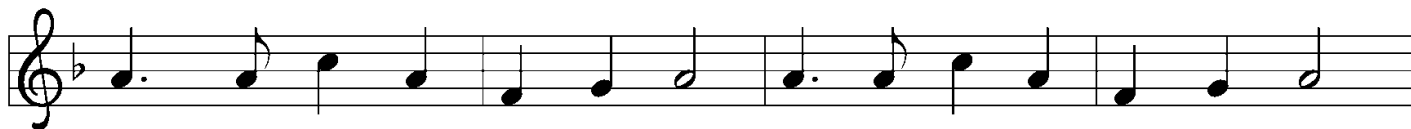
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HYMN OF THE DAY	Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast	ELW 516
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SENDING HYMN:	For the Fruit Of All Creation	ELW 679
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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

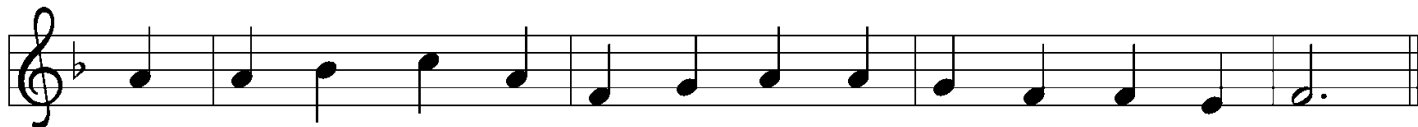
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

ELW 516



- 1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.

Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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