

## WORSHIP NOTES

If you are a guest today, please sign our guest book! Welcome here! We're very glad you came!

**Children in Worship:** We welcome and encourage children to share in worship. Even very young children see faith in action as we pray and sing and commune together. Children's lessons are available at both entrances, or by checking with any of the ushers.

**Communion:** If you are unable to reach the serving pastor during communion - they can come to you. Please let an usher know and they will make sure you receive communion.

**Hearing Assistance:** Devices are available at the sound booth.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for one for yourself or a loved one!

**Cell phones and pagers** should be turned to silent.

**Washrooms:** located in the narthex and Education Wing, upstairs and down.

**Elevator:** located next to the church office.

**Masks** are optional at all services.

**Drop Box:** The drop box at the side entrance nearest to the office remains available for envelopes or small items.

**Office Hours:** 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday



### "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" #681

1) We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand,  
who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

#### Refrain

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

2) You only are the maker of all things near and far.  
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.

The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;  
much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.

#### Refrain

3) We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,  
but what you most would treasure—our humble, thankful hearts.

#### Refrain

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## DEVOTION

This hymn's words are very familiar to anyone who knows the musical "Godspell." Telling parables from Matthew's Gospel, Stephen Schwartz sets hymns, including this one, to new music. Jesus' words about how the seed will sprout and grow without the planter knowing how are nicely reflected in this hymn which points us to the one behind this harvest: We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. We so often want to be in control—to call the shots and find success due to our own efforts. But every gardener learns that, in the end, they are engaged in a work of faith. Taking the seed, the compost, fertilizer, and whatever else seems needed, they can only "scatter the good seed" and trust that there will be a harvest.

"We have much to hope from the flowers." Those words of Sherlock Holmes, in *The Adventure of the Naval Treaty*, came to mind when reading our hymn: You only are the maker of all things near and far. You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star. In the Holmes story, quite as an aside, Sherlock takes a moment to reflect on the goodness we find in nature: Our highest assurance of the goodness of Providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. All other things, our powers, our desires, our food, are all really necessary for our existence in the first instance. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its colour are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which gives extras, and so I say again that we have much to hope from the flowers. His observations are a reminder to pause from our busy lives and take a moment to appreciate and rejoice in the Creator's handiwork.

## PRAYER

We thank you, Creator, for all things bright and good. Give us grateful hearts and open our eyes to rejoice in the beauty you have spread in the world. All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above. We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love. Amen.

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## Sunday, June 23rd, 2024 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this V Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 23rd

10am - Service

Farewell for Pastor Annemarie & Bishop Smith

Sunday, June 30th

10am - Service

Thursday, July 4th

Ladies Tubing Event

Sunday, July 7th

10am - Service

Tuesday, July 9th

7pm - Council Meeting

Sunday, July 14th

10am - Service

ATTENDANCE: June 16, 2024

Worship - 68

OFFERING: \$1505



## HOLY COMMUNION

God feeds and renews us with the presence of Jesus Christ. In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. In response to the Lord's invitation I come - confessing my sin, trusting that the Lord is truly present, believing that to receive Him is to receive forgiveness - to partake of the Lord's Supper. People of all ages and faith communities are welcome.

Holy Communion is served in a continuous format unless announced otherwise. Participants are asked to fill out a registration card, available in the pews or at both entrances, and place them in the baskets at the entrances, or in the offering plates.

Ushers will direct you toward the aisle to come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the server who will place a wafer in your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply say "gluten-free" to the server. Wine is served from the chalice or individual cups; white grape juice is served from individual cups.

Come and hold in your hand and taste on your lips the love we cannot comprehend.

## OUR MISSION

God's purpose for  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is:  
Accepting all people through God's grace,  
sharing our faith in Christ,  
and making disciples.

KEEP IT REAL! BRING IT HOME!



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 23RD, 2024

### Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Song:** "Forever"

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

**C: Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

L: gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**C: Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.**

L: They beheld the works of the Lord, God's wonderful works in the deep.

**C: Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

L: They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

**C: They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.**

L: Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and you delivered them from their distress.

**C: You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

L: Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

**C: Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

L: Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah.

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Brief silence.*

L: Gracious God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

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

**C: Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Children's Lesson

**Song:** "Jesus Calms the Storm"

**GOD'S WORD** *Glorian Mehling*

**FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements - surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? - <sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. <sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### MESSAGE

**Song:** "Across the Land"

### Apostles Creed

### Prayers of the People

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

### Offering Prayer

L: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.

**C: Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

### The Table

L: Heaven is here, and earth, and the God who made them is present. The Lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us; the Spirit of God the Dove, makes her resting place among us. God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction.

**C: Let heaven be glad. Let the whole earth cry glory.**

L: Blessing and honour and glory and power be to our God for ever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

### Words of Institution

L: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful... these you deserve. For when we were nothing,

**C: you made us something.**

L: When we had no name and no faith and no future,

**C: you called us your children.**

L: When we lost our way or turned away,

**C: you did not abandon us.**

L: When we came back to you,

**C: your arms opened wide in welcome.**

L: And look, you prepare a table before us offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed and made new again.

**C: You are worth all our pain and all our praise.**

L: We join our prayers in the words Jesus gave us:

### The Lord's Prayer

### Invitation to Communion

L: He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So, take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to use so that we may come to God. All is ready, and all are welcome.

### Communion Songs

"Behold the Lamb"

"Communion"

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

### Post Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray: In gratitude, in deep gratitude, for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.

**C: Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

L: So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song:** "Lord Reign in Me"

### Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### PRAYER REMINDERS



In your prayers this week, please remember:  
Cari Doerksen, Adelaide Freund, Lorna Freund, Chris Funk, Janet Harder, Tina Heckert, Herta Kihn, Marlene Klassen, Ruby Myran, Ray Schalla, Eric Nadeau & Amber Sobering, Arabella Teeaert & Jackson Schirmeister, Helmuth Renz, and Khrista Vogt.

### FAREWELL

Please join us today after service for coffee and goodies as we say farewell and thank you to Pastor Annemarie for serving as our interim pastor and Bishop Smith for providing home visitations. Both have provided wonderful services to us all and we need to offer our gratitude!

### LADIES TUBING

Attention ladies!! Summer is upon us and it is time to prepare for the next grand tubing adventure! Reserve Thursday, July 4th on your calendar. Sign up is by the office. We will leave the church around 9am and return between 5 & 6pm. Bring a picnic lunch, swimsuit, towel, lawn chair etc. All who have participated in this in the past have had a fantastic time, so come join the fun!



### FALL PLANNING

Would you or your children like to be more involved in our corporate worship? Our 11:00 Family Service is looking for people to help lead us in praise and thanksgiving when our services resume in September. We're looking for musicians and singers, altar servers, Scripture readers, and intercessors (to lead the prayers of the people). Are you interested? Do you know someone who may be? Are you over 8 years old (6 with parental participation)? Training is provided! Please contact the office or speak to Pastor Tim.

### FALL KICKOFF!

Yes, we are already planning for the next school year!!! Our Fall Kickoff event with the Blessing of the Backpacks will be on Sunday, September 8th with service starting at 10am! Mark it on your calendars and plan on attending! Our regular "winter" schedule will resume the following week on September 15th with 2 services, confirmation class and Sunday School.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Love kids? Want to get involved somehow? Please consider being one of our intrepid Sunday School Instructors this fall! The goal is to have enough people in place that you get the opportunity to worship at the 9:30 service several times a month. If you want to take on a class full time, there is the 11am service to worship at as well! You don't need a teaching degree, just a heart for kids and the Gospel!

### VISITATION

If you are homebound or in the hospital or know of someone who is and would like to receive visits from our Visitation Team or receive communion at home, please call Jen in the office and she'll make sure you are on the list!

### OFFICE INFORMATION

Please have all announcements in to the office by Thursdays at 10am if you want them in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Bulletins are being printed at 11am on Thursdays so don't miss the boat! If you have events or meetings to go on the monthly calendar, get them to the office the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month.

### THANK YOU DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all who have assisted with the service today.