

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.

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!

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

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 printed by 11am on Thursdays. 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.

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



Now Thank We All Our God #839

- 1) Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2) Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all harm in this world and the next!
- 3) All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart; Music: Johann Crüger; Public Domain

Devotion

This hymn has long been a favorite at Thanksgiving Day services as well as other festive celebrations. I have heard it sung at wedding ceremonies. The words and the music together just bubble over with joy and thankfulness. This is all the more amazing when we consider the circumstances under which it was written. The author of the lyrics was a pastor by the name of Martin Rinkhart. In 1637 he was serving in the town of Eilenburg in Saxony. The Thirty Years' War was raging. A plague was decimating the region. Rinkhart was the last surviving pastor in town. He had just presided over fifty funerals, including one for his wife. How he was able to pen such a magnificent hymn in spite of all that is beyond me. But he did, and the whole church has been grateful ever since.

Prayer

Gracious Lord, we thank you for blessing us in times of joy and comforting us in times of sorrow. You make us glad in all the seasons of our lives. Amen.

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Sunday, July 7th, 2024 Welcome to our Family Worship Service On this VII Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 7th
10am - Service

Tuesday, July 9th
7pm - Council Meeting

Sunday, July 14th
10am - Service

Sunday, July 21st
10am - Service



ATTENDANCE: June 30, 2024

Service - 117

OFFERING: \$7230

June Online: \$13,917



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 7TH, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: "Come As You Are"

Gathering: Psalm 123

L: To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
C: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.
 L: Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
C: too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.
 L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
C: Amen.

L: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved 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: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
C: Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Children's Lesson

Song: "Humble King"

GOD'S WORD Bertha Laing

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am send-

ing you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God."⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.³ And I know that such a person - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows - ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

C: Glory to you, O Lord.
¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!"³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place."¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

MESSAGE

Song: "This is Amazing Grace"

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 Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you!
C: And also with you!
 L: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up to the Lord.
 L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.
 L: With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us - even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

L: On the night in which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore we proclaim our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

L: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion Songs

"Faithful One"
 "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"
 "Create in me a Clean Heart"
 "10,000 Reasons"
 "Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"

Post Communion Prayer

L: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
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: "Christ As A Light"

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are 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 & Jaxson Schirmeister, Ken Schmidtke, Helmuth Renz, and Khrista Vogt.

MEMORIAL DONATION

We have received a memorial donation in honour of **Debra Waldner** (July 7, 2023) from her loving mother, Ruth Topnik and family. "Sweet memories will linger forever, time cannot change them, it's true; years that may come cannot sever, our loving remembrance of you."

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!

THANK YOU!

To all who have participated in today's service!

