



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH JOY!

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

9:00 A.M.

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# *Order of Worship*

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

June 29, 2025 ☩ 9:00 am

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## **Gathering Music**

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

## **Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Concerns**

## **Opening Song**

Amazing Grace

<sup>1</sup>Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see

<sup>2</sup>'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed

<sup>3</sup>The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures

<sup>4</sup>The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

## **Opening Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness**

## **Song of Mercy and Prayer**

Goodness of God

<sup>1</sup>I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

### *Chorus*

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

<sup>2</sup>I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night, You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

**First Lesson—Psalm 16** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

**I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”**

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**

<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
**never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**

<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
**indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
**my heart teaches me night after night.**

<sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me;  
**because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
**nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore.**

**Gospel Lesson—Luke 9:51-62**

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

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

<sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set

toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

*Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to You, O Christ!*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Song of Prayer & Praise**

Change My Heart Oh God

*Chorus*

Change my heart oh God. Make it ever true.  
Change my heart oh God. May I be like You

*Verse*

You are the potter. I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray

**Offering**

**Offering Song**

Oh Happy Day!

*(call and response)*

Oh happy day  
Oh happy day  
When Jesus washed  
When Jesus washed  
When Jesus washed  
He washed my sins away  
Oh happy day

*(all together)*

He taught me how  
to watch,  
fight and pray  
fight and pray  
And live rejoicing  
ev'ry,  
ev'ry day  
ev'ry day!

## Prayers

### Communion Litany

Pastor: We are here to be renewed, to be restored, and to be refreshed.

**All: We are here to be immersed in the Creator's beauty.**

Pastor: We are here to be reminded, to be remembered, and to become respondent.

**All: We are here because Jesus is the Good News for all people!**

Pastor: We are here to rejoice, to give thanks, and to call upon the Lord.

**All: We are here to feel again the peace and the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: We are here to receive and to reflect, as we remember that night ...

## Lord's Prayer & Communion

### Communion Song

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Lord, send Your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to Your children praying.

Send us love. Send us pow'r. Send us grace.

## Communion Blessing

## Benediction

## Closing Song

## This Little Light of Mine

<sup>1</sup>This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

<sup>2</sup>Hide it under a bushel. No! I'm goin' -a let it shine;  
Hide it under a bushel. No! I'm goin' -a let it shine;  
Hide it under a bushel. No! I'm goin' -a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

<sup>3</sup>Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace! Share Christ's love with joy!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sending Music

Sing of the Lord's Goodness



# Welcome & Thank You!

**Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Paul Lutheran today,  
where it is our mission “To Share Christ’s Love, With Joy!”**

We aim for your time with us to be both enriching and spiritually fulfilling. If you're new, please feel free to introduce yourself to the pastors and fellow worshippers. We value the opportunity to connect with you and hope to see you again soon. At St. Paul Lutheran, everyone is sincerely welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Should you require a gluten-free option, simply inform the pastor when you approach. Worshipers are encouraged to bring a bible to worship. If one is needed there are bibles available in the prayer room in the rear corner of the sanctuary. Additionally, gender-neutral restrooms are accessible in our education/preschool wing, ensuring a comfortable experience for all.

We look forward to seeing you again!

## **Thank You to Today’s Worship Leaders!**

<b>Pastors:</b>	Dale & Carrie Stiles
<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	Christina Fashner
<b>Tech Team:</b>	Chris Timmons
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Zella Oswald
<b>Counters:</b>	Frank Edwards, Lisa Fashner

### **Please keep in your prayers this week:**

Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes, Ruth Koehly, Jeremy, Griff and all other women and men serving in the military, Shelby and all law enforcement, Jerome (brother-in-law of Doug & Pat Miska), Donald Morency (brother of Lisa Fashner), Marvin (Jen Rauner’s Father), Jean Reed, Sherrie (Food Truck Participant), Shirley (aunt of Elodee Hudon), Cynthia (Elodee Hudon’s cousin), Jean Enrooth, Jim Rauner (father of Matt Rauner), Laurie (Pam Heaton’s mom), Josie Peterson, Jodi (friend of Cindy Gruett), Vincent Jurek, Dave Nordhausen.

**Flowers** today are provided by Rob & Sherrie Meyer in honor of their grandson Mason turning 18, and in memory of Sherrie's brother Dan. The sign up sheet is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

**Stay for Root Beer Floats!** Join us after worship for root beer floats and enjoy a sweet treat and fellowship!

**Welcome, Cornerstone!** We are delighted to welcome **Cornerstone** as our guest worship band this morning! This marks their **fourth summer in a row** leading us in one of our Summer Sunday worship services, and we are truly blessed by their music and ministry. Cornerstone regularly leads worship at **Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines**, and we're grateful they could be with us again today. Please join us in offering them a warm St. Paul welcome!

**Thank You for a Wild and Wonderful VBS Week!** This past week, our church was filled with energy, laughter, music, and the love of God as we welcomed children to **True North VBS: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!** It was a joy to watch our kids grow in faith through Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts, science, and song. A heartfelt **thank you** to all of the amazing **adult and youth volunteers** who made this week possible with their time, creativity, and care. Your dedication brought joy and meaning to every moment. And thank you to the **children and youth** who attended, your enthusiasm and faith inspires us all!

**Help Us Build and Strengthen Our Church Community Even More!** As part of our **2025 Strategic Ministry Goals, Hopes, and Dreams** shaped during the Church Council's recent Spring Council Planning Retreat, we're excited to create two new ministry teams. These teams are part of our effort to revitalize the work of current and former committees and reengage the congregation in meaningful ministry.

- **Hospitality Team** – Help us maintain a warm and welcoming environment for all (especially visitors and new members), plan fellowship events, coordinate community outreach, and integrate new members into the life of the congregation. Specific duties will include efforts like marketing, visitor follow-up, evaluate current use of space, community involvement, occasional use of name tags, and provide printed welcoming/promotional materials.
- **Congregational Care Team** – Dedicated to spiritual care of all members including for those in times of need through visits, calls, cards, meals, prayer, and more. This team will include and continue the important work and ministry of our Prayer Team, Humble Bees, Parish Nurses, and Spiritual Direction groups, while also exploring new ways to care for the spiritual and emotional well-being of the whole congregation.



**Welcome, Kim Shoop**—This morning, as part of Pastor Carrie’s sermon, we welcome Kim Shoop to share a personal testimony about her journey through grief following the sudden death of her husband, Brian, in March 2024. We are grateful for Kim’s courage and faith, and we hold her in prayer as she continues to walk this path of healing. Thank you, Kim, for being with us in worship today and sharing this personal testimony of faith.

**Summer Adult Bible Study**—Our weekly Adult Bible Study has shifted to once a month for the summer. **Join us next on Tuesday, July 8, and Tuesday, August 12, from 12:00–2:00 p.m.** We’ll share a potluck lunch as part of our study and fellowship. Mark your calendars, bring a dish, and invite a friend. All are welcome!

**Congratulations, Discovery Center!** We’re excited to share that our **St. Paul Lutheran Discovery Center**, in partnership with **Lake Area Discovery Center**, has earned **Accreditation+** from the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**—a nationally recognized and difficult-to-achieve mark of excellence in early childhood education. This honor reflects the dedication and outstanding work of our Discovery Center’s **administration, teaching staff, families, and students**. We are so thankful for this partnership and the high-quality, faith-based care and learning it offers to children and families in our community. Well done, Discovery Center team!

## Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

2025 General Fund Offering Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
YTD Totals	\$99,579.61	\$120,233.94	\$(20,654.33)
2025 Total Revenue Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$156,705.60	\$147,786.04	\$8,919.56

*The Total Revenue Received includes ALL revenue received by SPLC .*

*General Fund Revenue is the portion of Total Revenue Received through undesignated offerings from members and guests. Please contact our Church Treasurer, Andy Buccanero or our Church Bookkeeper, Chris Timmons, with any questions.*

Mortgage Payoff Gifts	Received/Committed	Goal	Percent of Goal
YTD Totals	\$75,089	\$100,000	75%



# The Week Ahead

at St. Paul Lutheran

**Sunday, June 29**

Guest Band—Cornerstone  
Outdoor Worship, 9:00 a.m.

**Monday, June 30**

Boy Scout, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 1**

Church Council, 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 4**

**Office Closed**

**Sunday, July 6**

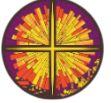
Indoor Worship, 9:00 a.m.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

July 8, August 12—Adult Bible Study & Potluck, 12:00 p.m.



# SPECIAL MORTGAGE PAYOFF APPEAL



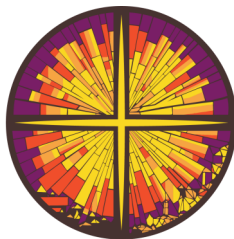
## Gift Giving Chart

**Be part of our 2025 Special Mortgage Payoff Appeal** and help us retire the mortgage ahead of schedule, freeing more resources for ministry and mission.

**A one-time gift of any amount makes a difference.** Use the giving chart to consider your gift.

**Gifts can be given now or pledged for later in 2025.** If you plan to pledge, please let a pastor know so we can track our progress and celebrate together!

Gift	# Need	Total	Running Total
\$5000	3	\$15,000	\$15,000
\$2500	2	\$5,000	\$20,000
\$1000	1	\$1,000	\$21,000
\$500	2	\$1,000	\$22,000
\$100	20	\$2,000	\$24,000
\$50	18	\$900	\$24,900



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