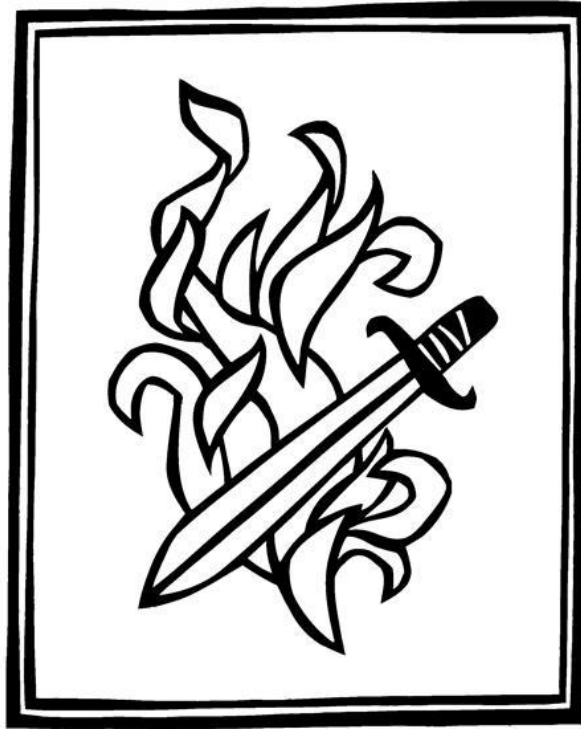


**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 14, 2022**



**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**28 Lincoln Avenue**  
**Pittsford, NY 14534**  
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*The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum, Pastor*  
*Jonathan Madden, Minister of Music*

*Today's altar flowers are sponsored by:*

*Karen Stone*  
***Happy Heavenly Birthday, Lloyd Stone***

**WELCOME** in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here.

*As Christ promises to be in our midst, may he bless you during our time together and throughout the week. If you are a guest, please fill out a welcome card from the pews and put it in the offering plate and sign our Guest Register as you leave.*

*Please join us in the foyer after service for coffee and fellowship.*

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*To accommodate the needs of those attending service, large print bulletins are available. The church is also equipped with a hearing loop; use the T-switch on your hearing aid.*

**Please note:** This service is live streamed.  
Cameras are all in back and will not see your face.



**OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** are with Susan Brainard, Maddie Bryan, Chester & Connie Frederick, Esther Medeiros, Laura Patchen, Anne Schweinfurth, & Louis & Priscilla Shuba; & military/first responders: Jennifer Foti, Matt Gibbs, Clint Pearson, Justin Powell, Michael Rehbaum, Nicholas Robinson, Jaymen Thompson, Kelly Voorhees, Paul Voorhees, & Zachary Zeiner. (Please renew each name monthly.)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Vacation Bible School** starts tomorrow!

To register, see the links in the weekly emails or on our website.

**Save the Date!**

- **Annual church picnic & blessing of backpacks:** September 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am
- **Mortgage Burning Celebration:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:30-7:30 (dinner at 5:30)  
(See The LINK for details on both)

## PRELUDE

*Meditation*

Man-Ching “Donald” Yu (b. 1980)

## WELCOME

*Congregation stands.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Thy Strong Word*

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## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Congregation is seated.*

## INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

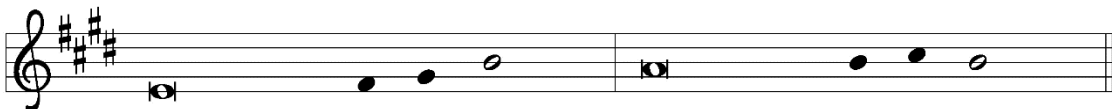
<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 82

*Refrain will be sung by the cantor, and repeated by the congregation. Congregation sings all the bold verses, and sings the refrain once at each "R."*



<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**“How long will you | judge unjustly,  
and show favor | to the wicked?”**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak | and the orphan;  
defend the hum- | ble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak | and the poor;  
deliver them from the power | of the wicked. R**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in darkness;  
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of | the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,  
and fall like | any prince.’”

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations | for your own. R**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

*The children are invited to come forward.  
Please note, they will be seen on the livestream.*

*Congregation stands.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia.* My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. *Alleluia.*  
(John 10:27)

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:49-56**

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

*Congregation is seated.*

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

*Congregation stands.*



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive  
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning  
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing  
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the  
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to  
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as  
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all  
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing  
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y  
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor  
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise  
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from  
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.



## **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 power of 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**

*We pray together for the church, the world, and all people according to their need.*

*Response:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Final petition:* Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The congregation shares signs of peace with one another.*

*Congregation is seated.*

## **MOMENTS FOR MISSION**

*We hear about the ways we can serve the world through this congregation.*

## OFFERING

To sustain the ministries of the Church, this time may be used to make a gift either online ([www.stpaulspittsford.org](http://www.stpaulspittsford.org)), through the neighboring QR code which takes you directly to our Simply Giving page, or you may mail a check directly to St. Paul's or leave your donation in the offering plate during service.



## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Here's One*

Helena Webster, soprano      African American Spiritual  
arr. William Grant Still (1895-1978)

*Talk about a child that do love Jesus,  
Here's one, here's one.  
In old Satan's snares I once was fallin'  
But I heard the voice of my Lord callin',  
Talk about a child that do love Jesus,  
Here's one.*

*Talk about a child that's been converted,  
Here's one, here's one.  
Ever since I learned the gospel story  
I've been walkin' up the path to glory.  
Talk about a child that's been converted,  
Here's one.*

*Congregation stands.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

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I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, (3x)  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, (3x)  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, (3x)  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

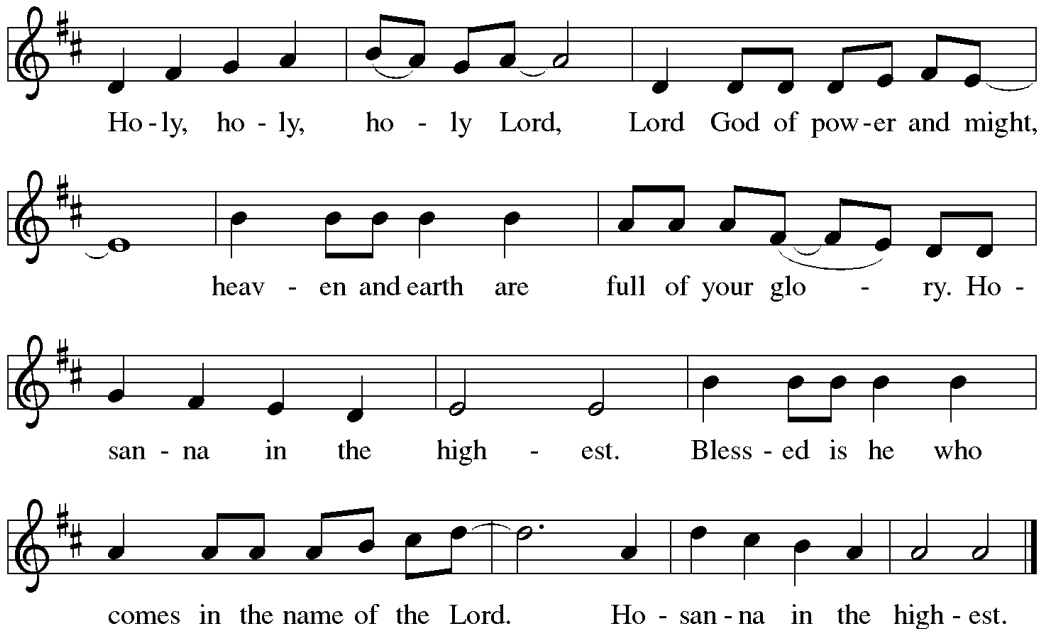
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... [*Presider continues with the Proper Preface*]

...and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:

the promise to Israel,

the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed...  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## 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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

## LAMB OF GOD

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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is by invitation of the Lord, and open to all baptized believers who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal. Come forward by the center aisle, keeping 6 feet (about two pews) between family units. Those not communing, whether children or adults, may come forward to receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference. Receive the bread from pastor. Glasses are prefilled – red is wine, white is grape juice. Please be cautious not to touch other glasses as you take yours out. Return your empty glass to the tray on the table. Return to your seat by the side aisle. We will commune first the pulpit side, then the piano side.*

*Communion bread ingredients (all gluten-free): Water, sourdough (rice flour, water), rice starch, corn starch, agave syrup, psyllium seed husk (vegetable fiber), sunflower oil, modified cellulose, soy protein, yeast, millet flour, citrus fiber, rice flour, sugar, quinoa flour, salt, guar gum, corn flour, honey, calcium citrate, niacin, iron, thiamin, riboflavin.*

*If you are unable to approach for communion, inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

*Pie Jesu*

Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

*Pie Jesu Domine,  
Dona eis requiem.*

*Pious Lord Jesus,  
Give them rest.*

*Pie Jesu Domine,  
Dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

*Pious Lord Jesus,  
Give them everlasting rest.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of peace,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*All My Hope on God Is Founded*

#757

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



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## JUST FOR KIDS (OR KIDS AT HEART!)

**Welcome to worship.** God's words are strong words, and God's love for us is very powerful. God's words of warning are strong, too.

**Follow the lines from the strong things to find out what they can change with their power.**

