



WELCOME!

to St. Paul Lutheran Church

*In the Name of the Triune God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit...
There is hope and joy to be found
in the midst of God's gathered people!*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING SONG: #526

HYMN OF THE DAY: #588 "There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy"

COMMUNION: #471

SENDING SONG: #547

"God is Here"

"Let Us break Bread"

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

FIRST READING GALATIANS 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

"WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE" ALL: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 122:1-4 (THE MSG) (READ RESPONSIVELY)

WHEN THEY SAID, "LET'S GO TO THE HOUSE OF GOD,"

my heart leaped for joy.

AND NOW WE'RE HERE, O JERUSALEM,

inside Jerusalem's walls!

JERUSALEM, WELL-BUILT CITY,

built as a place for worship!

THE CITY TO WHICH THE TRIBES ASCEND,

all God's tribes go up to worship,

TO GIVE THANKS TO THE NAME OF GOD—

this is what it means to be Israel.

SECOND READING: ACTS 15:1-11

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, 'It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.' The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, 'My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.'

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SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Adventures through Acts

This summer in worship we're taking a closer look at the Acts of the Apostles - the stories that take place after the Ascension of Jesus and the foundations of the early Christian movement (first known as 'The Way'). Read ahead! You'll find Acts right after the Gospel of John and before Paul's letter to the Romans in the New Testament.

(8/6) The 1st Synod Assembly [Galatians 3:23-29; Acts 15:1-11]

(8/13) Revealing the Unknown [1 Timothy 1:12-17; Acts 17:16-34]

(8/20) Paul's Mission Map [1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Acts 18:1-20]

(8/27) Sharing Good Goodbyes [Philemon 3-7; Acts 20:28-38]

(9/3) Let It Be Known [2 Timothy 3:10-17; Acts 28:23-30]

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