



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Clay Christiansen

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “Shout to the Lord”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

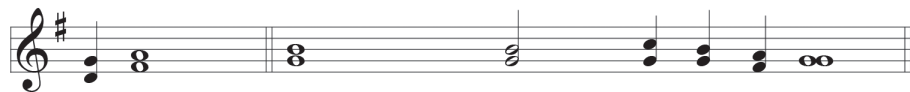


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, we pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 65:1-14

¹You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed | in Jerusalem.

²**To you that hear prayer shall | all flesh come,
because of | their transgressions.**

³Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you will | blot them out.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to
your | courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness | of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of | our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas
that are | far away.

⁶**You make fast the mountains | by your power;
they are girded a- | bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your | marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it | very plenteous;
the river of God is | full of water.

¹⁰**You pre- | pare the grain,
for so you provide | for the earth.**

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

¹²**You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.**

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.

¹⁴**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing.**

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “Peace Like a River/Amen!”

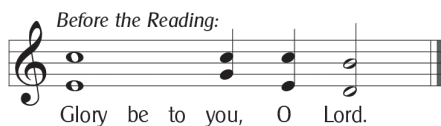
St. Paul’s Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the 13th chapter of Matthew.

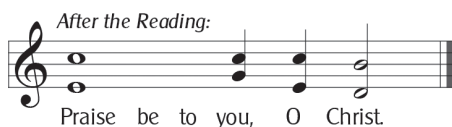


Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸[Jesus said to the disciples,] “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Divine Optimism"

Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

Remain seated after the distribution.

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May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benedicamus

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

David Lasky

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



*We extend our sympathy, love, and prayers to Brenda Bass
and family on the death of Brenda's husband, Jim Bass.
Mr. Bass died July 2, 2023. A gathering in his memory will be
held August 5th, in Princeton, West Virginia.*



We are grateful to have Pastor Carl Haynes
as our guest preacher again today.

Thank you, Pastor Haynes.

HVAC Fan Unit Repair

The HVAC fan units for the education building are being replaced. We don't have a definite completion date on the repairs, so the building will not be in use until further notice. Sunday School classes will not be expected to meet until the air conditioning is restored. *If you know someone who doesn't use email, please call them to let them know. Thanks for your help.*

Next **Blood Drive** at St. Paul's—August 14th, 1:30pm – 6:00 pm.

After-School Program for Faith Academy Charter School

Our **Monday-only Afterschool Program** starts back up in August. As long as our volunteers from last year are willing to come back, or others want to volunteer, we can keep the program going. Volunteers last school year were Gina Barringer, Louise Eller, Libby Bingham, Lisa Monroe, Dana Bost, Terri Powlas, Ben and Susan Bernhardt, Larry and Tricia Clark, and last but not least, Pastor Ryman, our ring leader. The commitment is for about 2 hours on Mondays from 1:00-3:00.

The bus drops the kids at the church around 1:00, and the parents pick them up at 3:00. Mondays are early-release days for the school so the teachers can have a meeting. We provide Bible Study, outside time, craft time, and of course, snack time. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering again this year so I can make plans with FACS to continue this program. Contact Susan Bernhardt (704-637-0155), srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com.

Recent prayer needs:

- Rowena Atagi-Stone (friend of Autumn Hill) – Recovering from surgery
- Betty Camerlin – Recovering at home
- Edna Chapman – Recovering at home
- Shirley Clark – Recovering from surgery
- Sandy Corley – Recovering from surgery
- Grady Earnhardt – Recovering at home
- Terry Eller – Recovering at home
- Della Jenkins – Recovering at home
- Beth Kalbfus (Susan Ryman's sister) – Health concerns
- Lindsay Lowman – Recovering from surgery
- Ray Mongold (son of Dottie Stancil) – Recovering at home
- Lisa Phelps – Recovering at home
- Jeff Powlas – Recovering at home
- Terri Powlas – Recovering at home
- Tommy Rabon (Sandy Corley's brother) – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Fellow Heirs

Find the 27 bold words from Romans 8:12–17.

D R X E X D D B Y P H T S F J
N E V E E O O I Y D P R P E Z
L I T A F S D E E D O G I A T
L E T A S R E H T O R B R R P
A H A N G N Q Y R C V B I G A
J B O D Y I T S I R H C T D R
O S B Q S S L A V E R Y O O E
L E T A F E R B G W X P M S H
C H I L D R E N O O T P S F T
Z Q O H P C F B U I D E F E A
U H H S H Q F A O O N F B L F
T S O E Q D U N Q T B V J L C
V Y I L D E S T I N E D G O Q
I R H F M L O W D P H C F W A
S G L O R I F I E D I Q N I I

So then, **brothers**, we are **obligated**, not to the **flesh**, to live after the **flesh**. For if you **live** after the flesh, you are **destined** to **die**. But if, by the **Spirit**, you put to **death** the **deeds** of the **body**, you will live. For all who are **led** by the Spirit of God are **sons** of God. For you did not receive a spirit of **slavery** that leads again to **fear**; but you have received the spirit of **adoption**, by which we **cry**, “**Abba, Father.**” The Spirit himself bears **witness** with our spirit that we are **children** of **God**, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God, and **fellow heirs** with **Christ**, if indeed we **suffer** with him so that we may also be **glorified** with him.

Unscramble the verse:

Ouy aeont rfo uro oasninessstgrr.

The School Bell is Getting Ready to Ring!

The Women of St. Paul’s have set up bins in the Narthex and by the conference room to collect school supplies for Koontz Elementary and Faith Academy Charter School. We need and appreciate everyone’s help to fill them up in the month of July. Most needed items are:

Pencils, backpacks, composition books (not spiral bound), spiral notebooks, wide-ruled loose paper, crayons, markers, glue sticks, dry-erase markers, pink erasers, pencil-top erasers, scissors, pencil boxes, boxes of tissues, construction paper, copy paper, headphones and/or earbuds (to use with iPads in class)

Sunday, July 16

- No Vespers

Monday, July 17

- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 18

- Friendship Club meets at Cracker Barrel for lunch, 10:30am

Wednesday, July 19

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, July 20

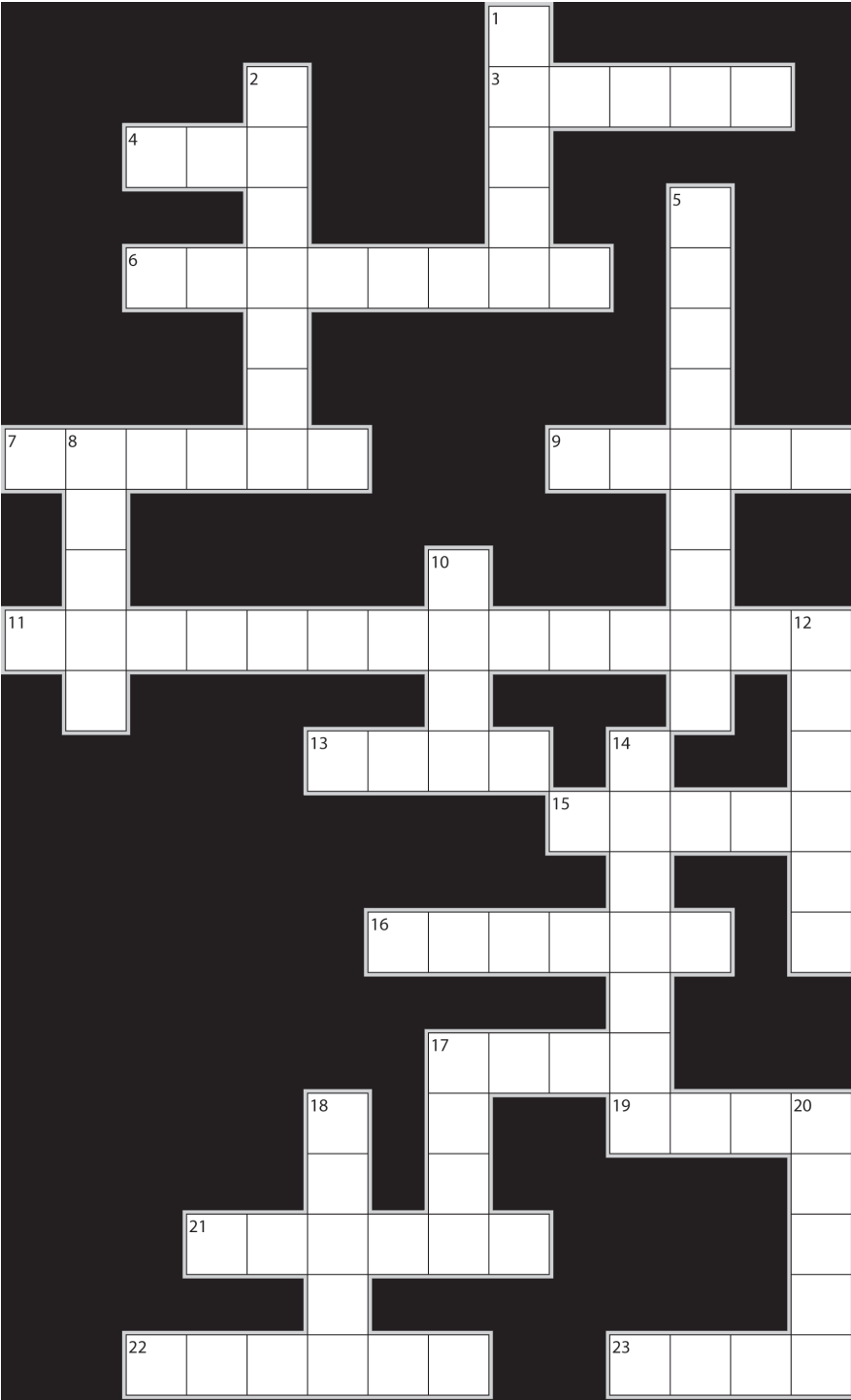
- No Bible Study tonight

Sunday, July 23

- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (7/9)	\$6,258
Other Offering (7/9).....	\$1,120
Children’s Mission (3rd qtr. – St. Paul Lutheran Seminary) ...	\$297.50
Sunday School Attendance (7/9).....	No classes because of HVAC
Worship Attendance (7/9).....	152
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (7/9)..	\$221,637
General Fund YTD Budget as of (7/9)	\$269,787



Pentecost 7A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

3. God's word will not return to him...
4. The hills are girded with this.
6. Jesus spoke the crowds in many of these.
7. We are fellow heirs with him.
9. The seed that fell on good soil produced this.
11. God atones for these.
13. It's like snow and rain.
15. The show and rain give bread to him.
16. We shall be satisfied with the holiness of God's...
17. We put to death the deeds of this by the Spirit.
19. If you are led by the Spirit, you are God's...
21. God crowns the year with this.
22. The brier shall become this.
23. We are not to fall back into this.

DOWN

1. The captives will go out in joy and be led in...
2. Instead of a thorn, a...
5. The Lord is the God of our...
8. If we are God's children, we are his...
10. He who has ears to hear, let him...
12. The Spirit bears witness with our...
14. They deck themselves with grain.
17. Jesus sat down in one of these.
18. He who hears the word and understands it, bears this.
20. Who went out to sow?



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 119:57-64; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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