



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH JOY!

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Order of Worship

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 14, 2024 † 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. God, our provider,

All: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

"Morning Has Broken"

(hymn) 556

¹ Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

² Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

³ Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 85:8-13

L: ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**All: ⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell ¹ in our land.**

L: ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**All: ¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L: ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**All: ¹³ Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Gospel**Mark 6:14-29**

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

¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Children's Sermon**Sermon****Hymn of the Day**

"Faith of Our Fathers"

(hymn) 812

¹ Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

² The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain*

³ Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. *Refrain*

Tanzania Group Commissioning & Blessing of Gifts

Pastor: A reading from Romans 12:4-8. ⁴*For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.* A reading from Acts 13:2-3. ²*While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'* ³*Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.* Each of us is called to live out our faith as Disciples of Christ. A special call has come to these fourteen people who are willing to represent us as they travel to meet with the members of the Iringa Diocese and the Migoli and Mtera congregations in Tanzania, who we partner and rejoice in ministry with.

All: We, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, send you, with our blessing. We thank God for your commitment and willingness to go on our behalf. We promise to pray daily for you, your families, and those whom you will encounter on your journey. We ask that when you return you share your new information, experiences, and insights with us.

Group: Thank you, our family of faith, for your prayers and support as we embark on this journey. We promise to pray daily for you, too, while we are away, and look forward to sharing with you the insights and deeper faith we know we will gain.

All: We thank you, God, for the world you have given us to love, including the people and the land of Tanzania and the Iringa Diocese. We ask your special blessing on each of them and on these gifts they will bring on our behalf. Give them eyes to see and ears to hear the things that you would teach them. Grant them traveling mercies, and may they grow in faith and wisdom so that we, through them, may learn more clearly what it means to be members of your beloved global community of faith and Body of Christ. Amen, and safari njema (safe travels).

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

Offering

Offering Music

Offering Prayer

Leader: Let us pray ... Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather these gifts that have 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. **All: Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Lord, in your mercy ... **All: Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

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Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Music

“Here is Bread”
“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

(hymn) **483**

(hymn) **479**

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Leader: Let us pray ... 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.

All: Amen.

Benediction

Sending Song

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

(hymn) **805**

¹ Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

² Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

³ Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace! Share the risen Christ's love, with Joy!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



Welcome to
St. Paul Lutheran!

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Thank You to All Involved in Worship Leading!

Pastors:	Dale & Carrie Stiles
Worship Assistant:	Kathie Marabella
Usher:	Marc Marabella
Organist :	Jeanne Richards
Prayer Corner:	Zella Oswald
Tech Team:	Chris Timmons
Altar Guild:	Jean Reed
Counters:	Will & Katie Fetterly, Jan Taylor

**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 at the prayer station in the rear corner of the sanctuary by the soundboard. Additionally, gender-neutral restrooms are accessible in our education/preschool wing, ensuring a comfortable experience for all.

We look forward to seeing you again!

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes, Pat Crawford, Ruth Koehly, The Tilly Family, Family of Freddie (grandson of a friend of Deb Cowing), Trisha Thompson, Marty (nephew of Frank Edwards), Jeremy Robinson and all other women and men serving in the military, Rita, Bethany, Kavien & Junior (Friends of Linda Welch), Gerald Maeckelbergh (father of Tom Maeckelbergh), Barb (relative of Cindy Gruett).

Refreshments today are provided by Garry & Val Budolfson. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Flowers today are provided by The Family of Dakota Fashner in honor of her birthday. The sign up sheet is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Our Tanzania Trip Team leaves this Wednesday and returns home on the 31st. You can find out more and follow along as we try to daily document and share our experiences on our travel blog. Check out the first blog post today, bookmark it, and once our group leaves don't forget to follow along and to share it with others! The blog link can be found on the homepage of our church website! **Pastoral Care Coverage**—While Pastors Dale and Carrie are in Tanzania if you have any pastoral care emergency needs contact Pastor Sarah Kerkes from Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City at 612-354-9180. Our own Kathie Marabella will lead worship and preach next Sunday, July 21 (No Communion) and Pastor Emily Rova-Hegener will lead and preach on July 28.

Family 5K! Save the Date! (And Help Needed!)



Join us for an exciting and inclusive event at our "Bridging the Gap" Family 5K! This event will mark the half way point of our two-year appeal celebrating our renewed mission and ministry at St. Paul Lutheran. Whether you walk, run, bike, rollerblade, or scoot, everyone is welcome—families from our church, preschool, and the wider community are invited to participate. Taking place on **"Rally Sunday", September 15, at 10:30 a.m.**, this will be an

opportunity to come together, enjoy healthy activities, and support a great cause. By inviting sponsors, we will raise funds to help fund a new church sign. Plan to attend and bring a friend—it's a day not to be missed! Anyone interested in helping coordinate or volunteer for this event should contact Pastor Dale or Pastor Carrie.

Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

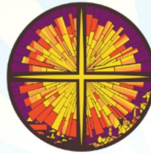
2024 General Fund Offering Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
YTD Totals	\$ 107,229.89	\$ 120,590.06	\$ (13,360.17)
2024 Total Revenue Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$ 156,338.17	\$ 157,913.73	\$ (1,575.56)

Bridge the Gap Matching Funds Received - \$22,983



The Total Revenue Received includes ALL revenue received by SPLC (including Bridge the Gap funds). General Fund Revenue is the portion of Total Revenue Received through undesignated offerings from members and guests. Please contact Chris Timmons, with any questions.

Summer 2024



WEST OF 55 (ST. PAUL SENIORS)

A monthly gathering for food, fellowship, and learning.

Wednesday, June 5 - Lunch & Learn w/Neil Gatzow
(Neil is local community and church historian)

Wednesday, July 10 - Lunch & Laughter
(Picnic Potluck & Games)

Wednesday, August 7 - Harmony In the Park
(Featuring "The Rockin' Hollywoods")

CAMPFIRE & S'MORES

June 12, 19, 26

Our time will include guitar playing, singing, a devotion, and informal fellowship.
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

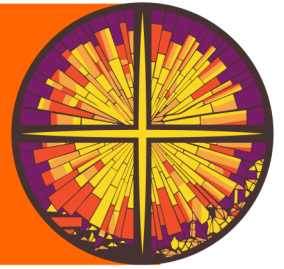
May 26 - Memorial Day Weekend
June 9

June 23 - Cornerstone Band
July 7 - Baptism Sunday
July 21

August 4 - Tanzania Group Leads
August 18
September 1 - Labor Day Weekend

This Week

@St. Paul Lutheran



Sunday, July 14

Indoor Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Tanzania Trip Commissioning & Blessing of Gifts

Monday, July 15

Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17—31

Tanzania Trip to Mtera and Migoli

Saturday, July 20

Food Truck, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 21

Indoor Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Kathie Marabella

Looking Ahead

Guest Pastor, Emily Rova-Hegener—July 28

West of 55 @ Harmony In The Park, Lindstrom—August 7

Blessing of the Backpacks—September 8

Rally Day & Family 5K—September 15

TANZANIA TRAVEL BLOG

MTERA AND MIGOLI, TANZANIA

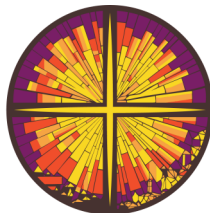
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We are excited to embark on this journey of faith and partnership in Tanzania, on your behalf. As representatives of our church, we invite you to follow along with our adventures through our travel blog. Experience the beauty of Tanzania and witness firsthand the ways we will be sharing and experiencing Christ's love, with joy, in the vibrant villages of Mtera, Migoli, and throughout the Iringa Diocese.

Join us on this transformative journey at
www.sharingchristslve.org/tanzania-trip-2024

Your prayers mean the world to us!

Blessings,
Joanna, Tyler, Nova, and Sam Kroschel
Chris, Kim, Caleb, and Gabe Clark
Pastors Dale and Carrie Stiles
Carole and Steve England
Katie and Will Fetterly
Katie Edwards
Arlie Post



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