



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROOTED AND GROWING

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Gathering Music “In Christ Alone”

Confession and Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Pause for reflection)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

For by Grace you have been saved. Out of great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent to die for your sins on the cross. As he lives victorious from the grave, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

Gathering Song: Day by Day

Day by day, day by day,
Oh dear Lord three things I pray
To see the more clearly, love thee more dearly
Follow thee more nearly, day by day

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Apostolic 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

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

⁴¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

Psalm 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

**⁴One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**⁶They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Before the gospel is read:

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

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

Children's Message

Deacon Emily Myallis

Sermon

Rev. Rob Myallis

Song of the Day: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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 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 again 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

Lord, Listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, Listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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.

Announcements and Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your
heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set
tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Sending Song: “Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong Deliverer

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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Peace and Sending

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Food Drive: This Sunday is the last day of the food drive (but donations are always accepted!) for the Lititz Warwick Community Chest. Needed are canned and boxed foods, personal care items and paper products. Cash donations are accepted! Please no expired items. Last year 1983 lbs. were donated. Let's top that total in this year of economic challenges for our community! To have your donations picked up at your home call Phyllis Frankhouser, 717-626-4200.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 3, we invite members of our church and the community to plant trees for our Sacred Grounds project. We will have 200 trees including, sycamore, flowering dogwood, silver maple, and more! On Sunday, October 4, in lieu of Sunday school, we will continue planting, leading into our worship service at 10:45 am. We hope to see you there!

Medan Initiative is a nonprofit organization that provides medical care to children in Ethiopia through partnerships with local schools. Anita Charles is the founder & president of this organization. Anita, her husband Justin & their two boys (Girum & Ezrael) are new members of St. Paul. They are holding a fundraising event on Saturday, Sept. 26. The event is a pulled pork meal. Email info@medaninitiative.org to order your meal and find out more about this organization.

Kids ages 6 – 12: Join your St. Paul friends this Friday (Sept 25) from 3:30 – 5pm as we **DANCE into the weekend** with this OUTDOOR opportunity movement & good tunes! **Oula Fitness KIDS** is designed to motivate and empower children through the music selections and exercise movements. St. Paul's own Jenn Maryniak is the certified instructor. After we dance, we snack! Treats provided along with some yard-games for more Fall-Fun outside. Meet at the pavilion. * Masks and distancing required at St. Paul *

Youth: Mark your calendars for our **WHS Varsity Football Watch Party on Oct. 2nd at 6:30.** We will have food and watch the game together on our big blow up screen, right across the street from all the action, in our St. Paul parking lot. We are not advertising to the student body to avoid a large crowd, but the kids are welcome to bring friends. Please bring your own chair and a mask in case we cannot maintain distance.

Week of Sept. 20

Mon: Children's Chimes 4:30 pm
Jubilate Bells 7 pm
Oula 7pm
Tues: Staff Mtg 10 am
Property Mtg. 7 pm
Wed: Sanctuary Worship 11 am
Boy Scouts 6:30 pm
Youth Pray & Play 8:15 pm
Thu: Chapel 9 am
Bible Study 9:30/10:30 am
Senior Shepherds 6:30 pm
Bible Study 7pm
Fri: Oula Kids 3:30pm

kids Celebrate

gather



Welcome to worship! God's love is for everyone. Look around and see all the people God loves!

Think about people you know. Imagine people you don't know. God loves all of them. That's a lot of love! Through baptism, God makes all of us part of God's really big family. We are all splashed with love!

Guess how many hearts there are in this picture.
Count them as you color them in!

The rest of the story

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Remember the prophet Jonah? He's the guy who ran away from God, got swallowed by a really big fish, and lived in its belly for 3 days before finally getting spit out on dry land. What happened after that? Where did Jonah go, and what did he do? Listen to the story as it is read, then solve the puzzle below to find out!

_____ went to _____ to tell people about _____.



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The people _____ and _____ the _____.



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_____ left _____.



_____ sent _____ a _____ for _____.

G



The next day was _____ and _____, and a _____ ate the





Jonah was ___ and frustrated.



___ said: "Don't worry ___ !

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I will always take ___ of you.



I ___ you. I ___ all people."



Now you know the rest of the
story. God loves us all!



Talk together about your favorite Bible stories.



Invite a friend!

We are all part of God's family, and like Jonah, we can tell other people about God's love.

Draw a heart around all the ways you might show God's love to someone.



Thank you, God, for loving all of us! Amen.

this week

Invite another family to visit your church with you.