



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**                      **June 29, 2025**  
Worship 11:00 A.M.

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Musician: Larissa Goruk  
Next week Summer Program, Downstairs

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*Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

**Local:** United Church

**BC Synod:** Benediction Lutheran in Delta; King of Life Lutheran in Coquitlam

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, The Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser, Suffragan Bishops, & the clergy & people of the Diocese of the Arctic

**ELCIC:** The congregations of the northern area of the Saskatchewan Synod

### Discipleship Opportunities

Offerings Last Week \$460, YTD \$23,116, 92% of Year To Date goal; Attendance 12

1. Starting Next Sunday, July 6, we will be going to a more relaxed service. It will be held in the hall downstairs. On July 27 and August 10, we will hold a regular service upstairs.
2. Starting September 7, 2025 we will send off our summer with a BBQ, at the church after our Service. Burgers, Hot Dogs and much more, we look forward to reconnecting with everyone again. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

## Announcements

### *Confession and Forgiveness*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

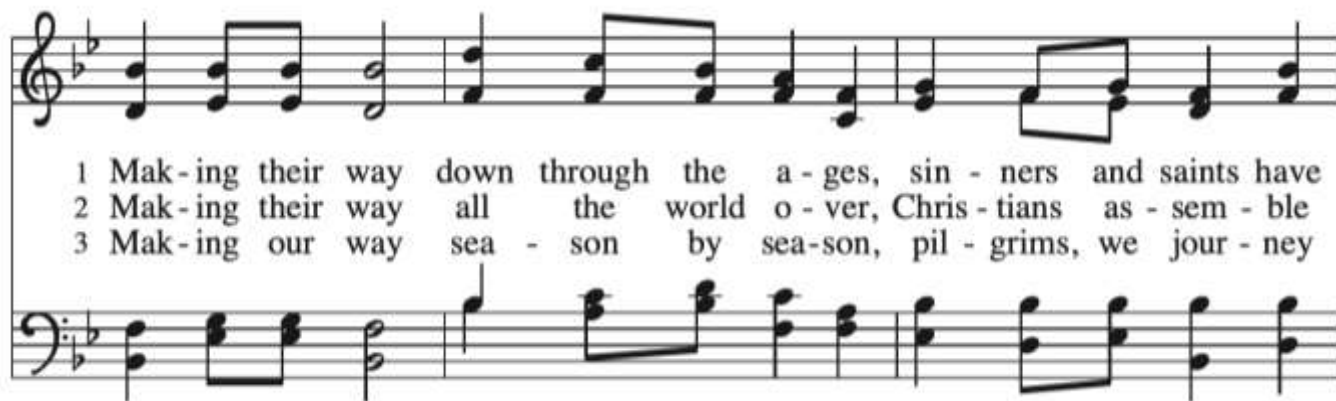
Merciful God,  
you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life  
you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow  
weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn*

*Making Their Way*

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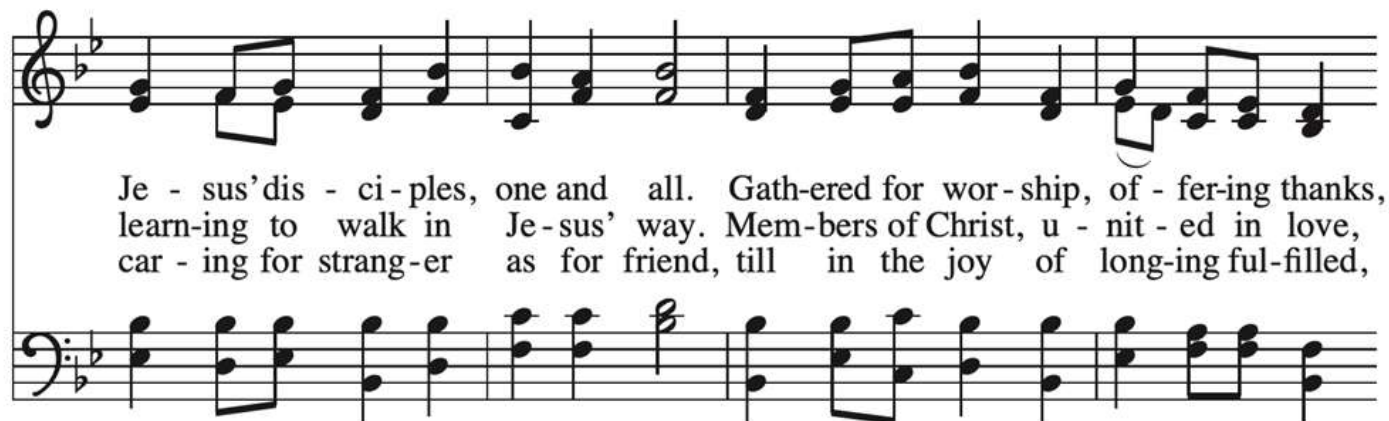


1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

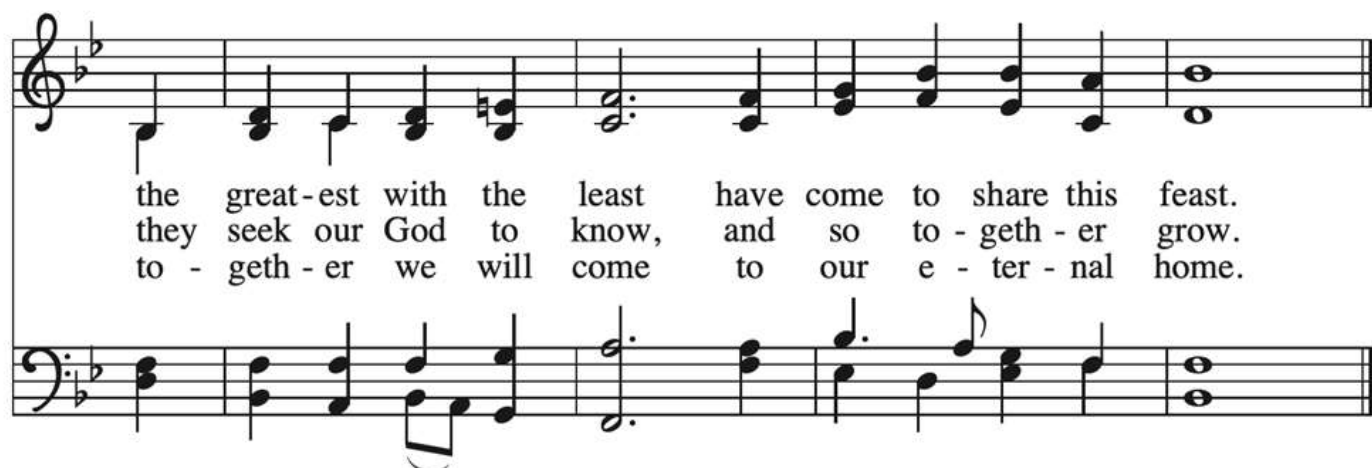
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heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,

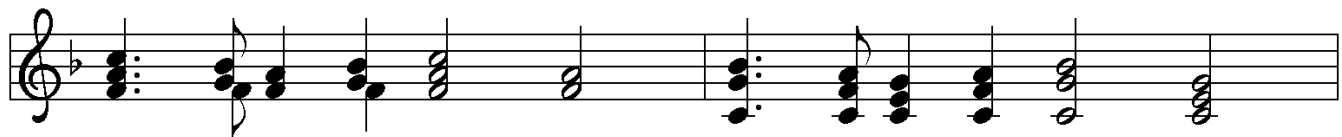


the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939  
 Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906-2003  
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L: 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.**



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

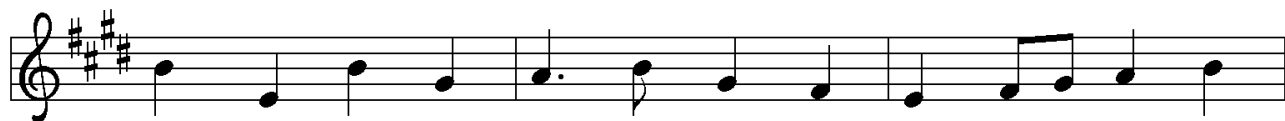
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## *Praise Song*

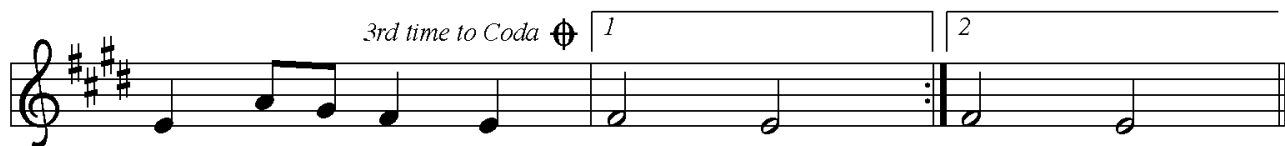
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1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -

## *Prayer of the Day*

L: Let us pray,

**Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

Our first reading is from 1 Kings, beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

19:15-16, 19 – 21

Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.” So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

L: The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

We read Psalm 16 responsively:

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,**

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,**

**never take their names upon my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the Lord always before me;**

**because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Our 2nd reading is from Galatians beginning at 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter

5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not

gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L: The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation*

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The holy gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter

9: 51-62

**Glory to you, O Lord**


When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

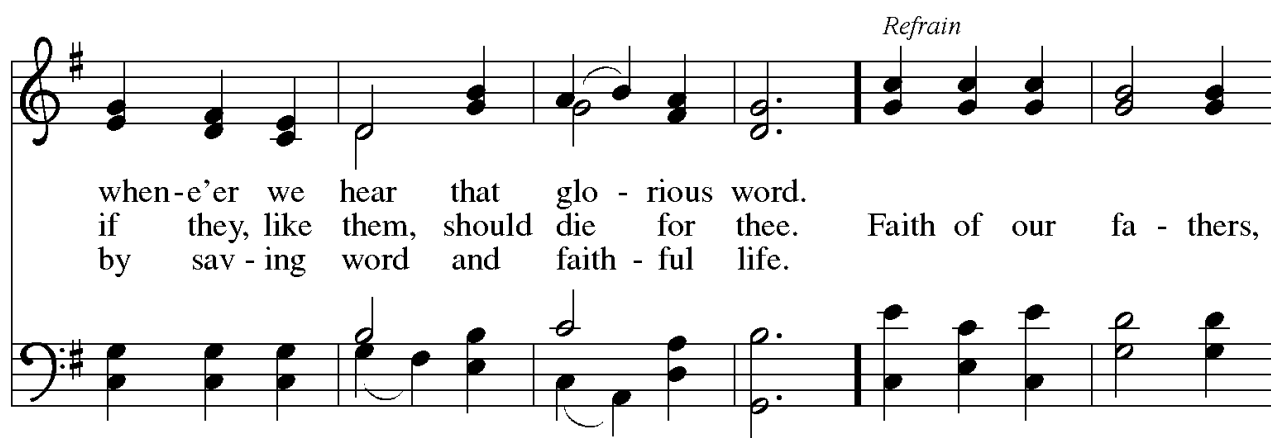
**Praise to you, O Christ.**



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyr's, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,



*Refrain*  
when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. We confess:

**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**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence*

Prayers of Intercession: (petition end: God of grace)  
(petition response: **hear our prayer.**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Offering*

*Offerings may be mailed to the church or placed in our mailbox. You can send e-transfers to [offering2stpauls@citywest.ca](mailto:offering2stpauls@citywest.ca). You may also give electronically to us through CanadaHelps. We can be found there at St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.*



## Offering Prayer

Let us pray,

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## Here I Am, Lord

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide	till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them?	Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them.	Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them.	Whom shall I send?"

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*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Go in peace.  
Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**