

8th Weekend After Pentecost July 30 & 31, 2017

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page!

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
FAITH IS PLANTED AND WATERED BY GOD’S WORD

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist Miss Heather Schmidt

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

MORNING PRAISE - Christian Worship pg. 45

**THE OPENING HYMN “Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening”
 Christian Worship #283**

1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in

to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me

To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly

whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems

you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en

And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 You give peace and words of par - don.
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Please Stand



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us wor - ship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



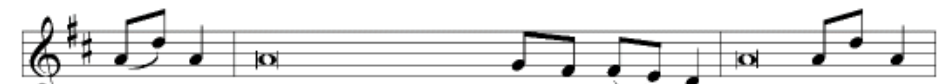
great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen (spoken).

As the rain and the snow
 come down from heaven,
 and do not return to it
 without watering the earth
 and making it bud and flourish,
 so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
 It will not return to me empty,
 but will accomplish what I desire
 and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
¹² You will go out in joy
 and be led forth in peace;
 the mountains and hills
 will burst into song before you,
 and all the trees of the field
 will clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
 and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
 This will be for the LORD's renown,
 for an everlasting sign,
 that will endure forever.

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain at the beginning and repeat it as indicated.

Refrain

The earth is full of the good-ness of
 God, the good-ness of our God.

Psalm tone

Praise awaits you, O God,*
 you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;*
 you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water*
 to provide the people with grain.

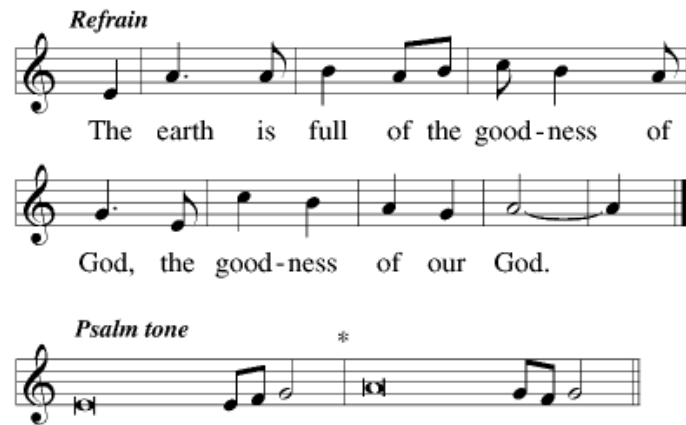
Refrain

You crown the year with your bounty,*
 and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;*
 the hills are clothed with gladness.

Psalm continues on next page

The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;*
they shout for joy and sing.



THE SECOND LESSON..... Acts 18:1-11

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

Please stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

Christian Worship #324



1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

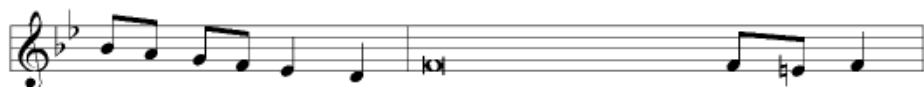
THE SERMON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Please stand

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



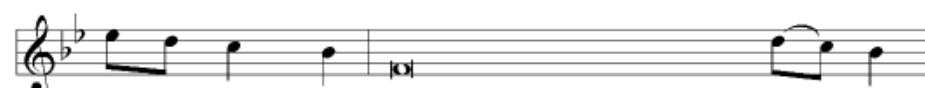
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



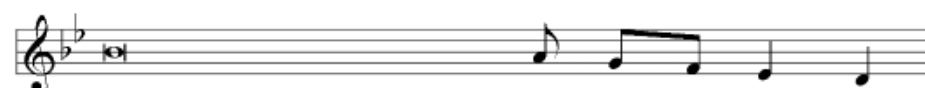
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



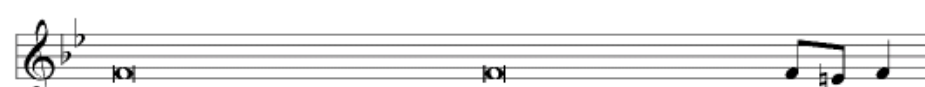
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of

your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

LORD HAVE MERCY

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C: A - men.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN “On What Has Now Been Sown”

Christian Worship #322



1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our
3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you



stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don
here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend’s altar flowers are given by Randy & Nancy Willms in honor of their 28th wedding anniversary.

FAMILY COOKOUT: On Tuesday, August 8, there will be a cookout for both school and church families of St. Paul’s. We want to welcome all families to come and enjoy some relaxing fun and food. It will be hosted here at St. Paul’s with lots of fun fellowship! We hope to get to know new school families better, give parents a chance to talk to teachers in a relaxed setting, and connect the school family with the church! We ask that each family bring a dish to pass. Burgers, brats, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Register online by scanning the QR code or sign up on the sheet in the narthex. All are welcome! For more information please contact Heather Schmidt at hschmidt@stpaulsfranklin.org or 262-391-1056 (text or call).



CONFIRMATION PHOTOS: Confirmation photos are here! Please pick up your copy on the counter in the church/school office.

SUMMER POWER HOUR PLAYGROUND DATES: Join us this summer for a few casual playground dates on the childcare playground next to the school at 10:45am on Friday, July 7, 21, and Aug. 11. All children ages 0-4 and their siblings are welcome. Invite a friend and come to play!

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: The Refreshment Committee is in need of people to clean up after the second service. Please consider offering your talents for one Sunday per month for 15-20 minutes. Duties include: boxing up the left over doughnuts, emptying and washing out the coffee makers, cleaning the serving trays and table, putting away the coffee condiments and taking out the garbage. If you are willing to lend a helping hand or you have additional questions, please contact Tony Tripoli at [414-232-5817](tel:414-232-5817).

WELS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK: Last July, more than 2,500 WELS members attended WELS Night at Miller Park. Back for another year, we are excited to announce the fourth annual WELS Night, which is scheduled for Thursday, August 10th. Mark your calendars and plan

to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at Miller Park to watch the Brewers take on the Twins. Tickets for WELS members are discounted up to 50% and are reserved together in a block. Four students from Martin Luther College will be singing the national anthem. In addition to these students, Prof. Steve Thiesfeldt, vice-president at MLC and former MLC baseball coach, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch. We would like to order tickets in a block for St. Paul's, so that we can sit together in the Field Outfield section. Tickets are \$21.00 each. You can also order a WELS Night T-shirt this year! **This is the last weekend to sign up!** There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex counter.

“THE STORY” BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, August 12th. As we continue to look at God’s story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: “The Resurrection”.

JR. VIKING FLAG FOOTBALL: Registration is now open for boys in grades 2-4 to participate in the Jr. Viking flag football program. More information and registration forms are available at wiscofootball.com. Registrations are due August 25th.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (July 30 & 31)

- 8:00 AM – Donn & Denise Johnson
- 9:30 AM – {Your Name Here} – sign up to be a greeter!
- 6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (August 6 & 7)

- 8:00 AM – John & Barb Migacz
- 9:30 AM – Ron & Jaime Petricek; Austin, Arthur & Aaron
- 6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR JULY

- 8:00 AM – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski
- 9:30 AM – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Nolan Romeis, Randy Raduenz, Luke Raduenz
- 6:30 PM – Dave Long, Terry Plant, John Kiesow, Curt Stellwagen

ALTAR GUILD

- July 26-Aug 1 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
- Aug 2-8 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- July 30: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli
- Aug 6: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Don Gebert

GRASS CUTTING:

- Aug 2-5 – TEAM #2 – Frank Krajewski
- Aug 9-12 – TEAM #3 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tosic

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 30

- Worship Service 8:00 AM
- Worship Service 9:30 AM

Monday, July 31

- Worship Service 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 1

- Men’s Open Gym 7:30 PM

Sunday, August 6

- Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
- Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 86, 9:30 AM – 101, 6:30 PM – 41
 Total Attendance – 228