

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19 & 20th, 2015



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

Our Worship Service

The Common Service with Communion
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WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN“Come, Now, Almighty King”
Christian Worship #193

1 Come, now, al - might - y King; Help us your
2 Come, now, in - car - nate Word; Put on your
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er; Your sa - cred
4 To the great One in Three E - ter - nal

name to sing; Help us to praise. Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and your
wit - ness bear In this glad hour. Your sev'n - fold
prais - es be For - ev - er - more! His sov - reign

Hymn continues on next page

glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give your Word suc - cess;
gifts im - part; Now rule in ev - 'ry heart;
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see

Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Grant us your right - eous-ness, Sav - ior and Friend.
Nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of Pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Text: Unknown, c. 1757, abr., alt.
Tune: ITALIAN HYMN (664 6664) Felice de Giardini, 1716–96, alt.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

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

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.


C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis


C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,


we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,


God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus 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; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of


God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy;


you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,


are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.


C: And also with you.

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: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON..... Selected verses of Nahum

Nahum brought comfort to Judah. They lived to the south of the superpower of the nation of Assyria. But he was a prophet and woe and destruction to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. His whole book of three chapters deals with the coming destruction of Nineveh.

^{1:1} An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. ² The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The Lord takes vengeance on his foes and maintains his wrath against his enemies. ³ The Lord is slow to anger and great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of his feet. ⁶ Who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before him. ⁸ but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of [Nineveh]; he will pursue his foes into darkness. ^{2:1} An attacker advances against you, [Nineveh]. Guard the fortress, watch the road, brace yourselves, marshal all your strength! ⁵ He summons his picked troops, yet they stumble on their way. They dash to the city wall; the protective shield is put in place. ⁶ The river gates are thrown open and the palace collapses. ⁸ Nineveh is like a pool, and its water is draining away. "Stop! Stop!" they cry, but no one turns back. ⁹ Plunder the silver! Plunder the gold! The supply is endless, the wealth from all its treasures! ¹⁰ She is pillaged, plundered, stripped! Hearts melt, knees give way, bodies tremble, every face grows pale. ¹¹ Where now is the lions' den, the place where they fed their young, where the lion and lioness went, and the cubs, with nothing to fear? ^{3:1} Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims! ² The crack of whips, the clatter of wheels, galloping horses and jolting chariots! ³ Charging cavalry, flashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, piles of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses— ¹⁹ Nothing can heal your wound; your injury is fatal. Everyone who hears the news about you claps his hands at your fall, for who has not felt your endless cruelty?

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 27
Christian Worship pg. 75

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Psalm tone

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
be merciful to me and answer me.
Do not hide your face from me,*

Psalm continues on next page

do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,*
O God my Savior.

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Psalm tone

Though my father and mother forsake me,*
the LORD will receive me.
I am still confident of this: *
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 4:12 & 5:6-11
Peter wrote his first letter to Christians who were undergoing persecution. He tells them not to be surprised at their sufferings. He encourages them to cast all their cares on the Lord. In due time, God will lift them up.

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you..... ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14 cf. NIV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 18:1-8

C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

God hears the persistent prayers of his people. We should not lose heart when our prayers are not answered immediately. We know that God is at work to answer our prayers in his and in his time.

^{18:1} Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"
Christian Worship #444

1 If you but trust in God to guide you
2 How can these anx - ious wor - ries aid you,
3 Be pa - tient and a - wait his lei - sure
4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing,

Hymn continues on next page

And place your con - fi - dence in him,
These nev - er - ceas - ing moans and sighs?
In cheer - ful hope, with heart con - tent;
Per - form your du - ties faith - ful - ly,

He'll give you strength and stand be - side you
Will not take his wings of mer - cy shade you
Then take what - e'er your Fa - ther's plea - sure
And trust his Word; though un - de - serv - ing,

When days are drear - y, dark, and dim.
When - ev - er trou - bled times a - rise?
And his dis - cern - ing love have sent.
You'll find his prom - ise true to be.

For those who trust his change - less love
Our cross and tri - als do but press
Doubt not; your in - most wants are known
God nev - er yet for - sook in need

Build on the rock that does not move.
The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
To him who chose you for his own.
The soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

THE SERMON Selected verses of Nahum

Nahum-The Prophet of God's Vengeance & Care

Nahum means "comforter." Nahum was indeed a comforter to Judah. While Jonah had pronounced the destruction of Nineveh, the people repented and God suspended his destruction of Nineveh. However, Nineveh returned to its wicked ways and brutality. The focal point of Nahum is God's judgment on Nineveh. God is a God of mercy and love. He also is a God that will not tolerate sin and wickedness. God's judgment will always prevail.

Please Stand

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Please Be Seated

THE OFFERING

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

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand

THE PRAYERS

THE 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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: 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 your peace. A - men.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a miracle. By God’s power, the Lord’s body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord’s Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord’s Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice “close communion.” We invite all who are members of St. Paul’s or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul’s, please feel free to contact the pastor.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN..... “If God Himself Be for Me”
Verses 1-4, 7;
Christian Worship #419

1 If God him - self be for me, I may a
2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I
3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus
4 He can - celed my of - fen - ses, De - liv - ered
5 No sin can now con - demn me Or set my

host de - fy; For when I pray, be - fore
make my boast, That God is my dear Fa -
and his blood, A - lone are my sal - va -
me from death; He is the Lord who clean -
hope a - side. Now hell no more can claim

me My foes, con - found - ed, fly. If Christ,
ther, My friend who loves me most, And that,
tion, My true, e - ter - nal good. With - out
ses My soul from sin through faith. In him
me; Its fu - ry I de - ride. No sen -

my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from
what - e'er be - tide me, My Sav - ior is
him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less
I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on
tence now re - proves me; No guilt de - stroys

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a - bove, What foe or what dis - as -
at hand Through storm - y seas to guide
on earth; The gifts I have from Je -
my way; In him I am not fear -
my peace, For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves

ter Can drive me from his love?
me sus And bring me safe to land.
ful Of A - lone have price - less worth.
me And God's great Judg - ment Day.
shields me me with his grace.

- 6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger
Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break assunder,
You are my Savior true;
No fire or sword or thunder
Shall sever me from you.
- 7 My heart for joy is springing
And can no more be sad.
'Tis full of joy and singing,
Sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit
Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, st. 1-3, 6-7, alt.; unknown, st. 4-5, alt.
Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

Please stand

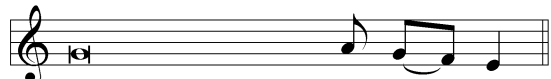
SONG OF SIMEON
Nunc Dimittis

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

THE CLOSING HYMN “From All that Dwell below the Skies”
Christian Worship #250



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your



praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till



ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!
suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Larry Ellenberger
OrganistMiss Heather Schmidt

Announcements

THANK YOU: We thank Pastor Ellenberger for sharing God's Word with us this weekend while Pastor Adams is on vacation.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this weekend are given by Bob and Sue Dittrich in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: The 150th Anniversary Committee will meet this Wednesday, July 22, at 6:30 pm.

2ND PASTOR CALL: On Monday, June 29th, St. Paul's called Pastor Troy Swenson to be an Associate Pastor here at St. Paul's. Pastor Swenson currently serves as an Associate Pastor at St. Lucas Lutheran Church in Kewaskum, Wisconsin. The following is a letter from Pastor Swenson acknowledging the Call from St. Paul's: *"Dear members of Saint Paul's, On June 29th, I received a call to serve as your associate pastor. My family and I ask for your prayers at this time. It is a time of blessing as I evaluate the ministry of Saint Lucas and my responsibilities here as well as those asked of me through the call you have extended to me. If you wish to talk with me about either of the calls I have, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your prayers and guidance in my deliberations. The Lord has a plan in this for all of us. Laughing and celebrating with Jesus, Pastor Troy Swenson, tswenson@stlucasswels.org, 262-626-2680, EXT 18; 262-685-7384 (cell)."*

SCHOOL HALLWAYS CLOSED: In order to wax all the hallways in the school at the same time, the school will be closed from July 13 – July 24. The gym will be closed on those weeks as well. We thank you for your cooperation.

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY: Last year, pictures were taken for our Church Directory. For a number of reasons, that directory has not been published yet. However, it is now back on track. A one day photography session has now been setup for Tuesday, July 21st from 2pm – 9pm. Anyone who would like to be in the directory will now have the opportunity to be included. Scheduling can be done online at: <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stpaulslutheranchurch/index.php?page=10> or calling: 1-866-756-0281. If you have any questions, please call Greg Grueneberg at: 414-325-9557.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Our Summer Sermon Series this year is: *"A Major Message from the Minor Prophets"*. The schedule is as follows:

June 7 & 8: Hosea – The Prophet with the Adulterous Wife

June 14 & 15: Joel – The Day of the Lord Prophet

June 28 & 29: Obadiah – The Prophet of Humility

July 5 & 6: Jonah – The Unwilling Prophet

July 12 & 13: Micah – The Prophet with a Heart for the Helpless

July 19 & 20: Nahum – The Prophet of God's Vengeance

July 26 & 27: Habakkuk – The Prophet who Questions God

August 2 & 3: Zephaniah – The Prophet with Royal Blood

August 9 & 10: Haggai – the Prophet of Priorities

August 16 & 17: Zechariah – The Messianic Prophet

August 23 & 24: Malachi – The Last of the Old Testament Prophets

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (July 19 & 20)

8:00 AM-Pete & Sherry Kosovich

9:30 AM-Tim & Denise Rasmussen; Abigail & Anne

6:30 PM –Dave & Janet Long

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (July 26 & 27)

8:00 AM-Corrine Mayer

9:30 AM-Peter & Diane Eppen; Andrew, Austin & Ian

6:30 PM-Joan Shevey

USHERS FOR JULY:

8:00 AM TEAM #3-Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Steve Migacz, Frank Krajewski

9:30 AM TEAM #7-Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz

6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

June 14-July 27 TEAM #3- Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms

July 28-August 10 TEAM #4-Marge Gebert, Marilyn Kueger, Renate Nazimek

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE

July 1-4: Crew #1: Gordy Lesser

July 8-11: Crew #2: Jerry Lehtinen, Gary Tasic

July 15-18: Crew #3: Dave Qualmann

July 22-25: Crew #4: Frank and Sam Krajewski

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

- Worship Service with Communion6:30 PM

Wednesday, July 22

- 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting6:30 PM

Sunday, July 26

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

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-93, Communed-n/a; 9:30 am- 160, Communed-n/a; 6:30 pm-50,
Communed-n/a; Total Attendance 303; Total Communed-n/a; Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-
n/a