Third Sunday After Pentecost June 14 & 15, 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!

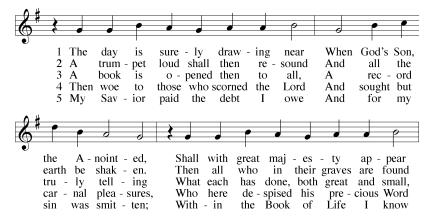
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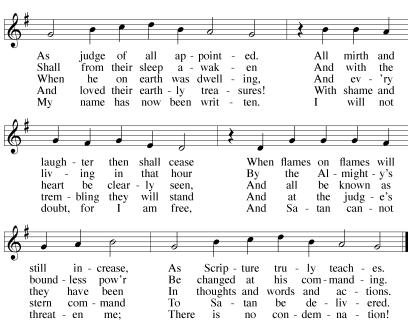
WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN""The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

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6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation. Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer; make us free From ev'ry evil. Amen.

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Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

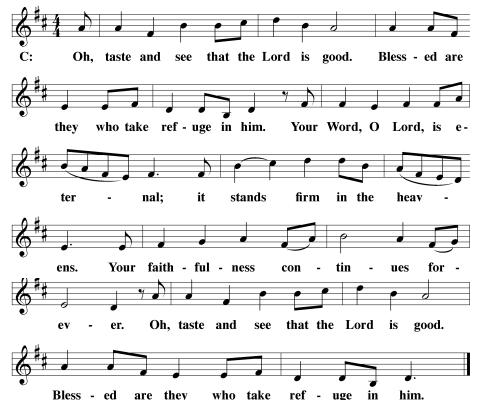
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

In the book of Joel, we learn of a terrible plague of locusts which is a picture of the great and terrible Day of the Lord – Judgment Day. Disasters like this plague remind us that the End is Coming.

^{2:1} Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand — ² a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come. ³ Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert waste — nothing escapes them. 4 They have the appearance of horses; they gallop along like cavalry. 5 With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle. ⁶ At the sight of them, nations are in anguish; every face turns pale. ⁷ They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course. ⁸ They do not jostle each other; each marches straight ahead. They plunge through defenses without breaking ranks. 9 They rush upon the city; they run along the wall. They climb into the houses; like thieves they enter through the windows. ¹⁰ Before them the earth shakes, the sky trembles, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine. ¹¹ The Lord thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the Lord is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it? 12 'Even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' 13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. ²⁸ 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. ³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. ³² And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.





God is our refuge and strength,*

an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the <u>earth</u> give way*

and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam*

and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*

the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;*

God will help her at break of day.

"Be still, and know that I am God;*

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted <u>in</u> the earth."

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.

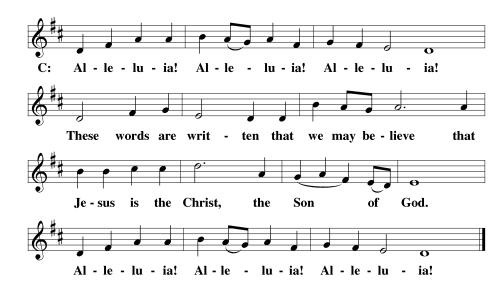
Refrain

The most famous words in the book of Joel are quoted by Peter in his Pentecost sermon. Joel foresaw the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the First Pentecost when people of all languages and tongues would "call on the name of the Lord and be saved."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV)



Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....John 12:44-50

Jesus came into this world as its Savior. We do well to listen to Him so that we are prepared for the Day of the Lord.

⁴⁴ Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. ⁴⁵ When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. ⁴⁷ "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. ⁴⁸ There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. ⁴⁹ For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. ⁵⁰ I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

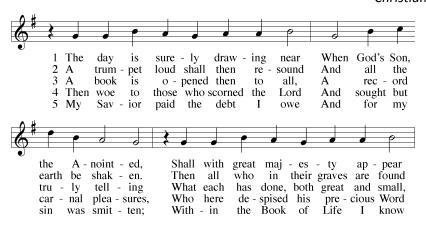


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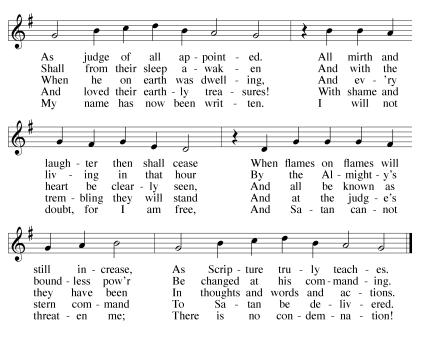
CHILDREN'S TALK 9:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....""The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

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Joel-The Day of the Lord Prophet

Joel prepares the people for the Lord's return to this earth. God would send a plague of locusts to destroy his people because of their unfaithfulness to him. Through the locust plague and drought, Joel would remind the people of the spiritual destruction God would bring upon those who were unfaithful to him on that final day of the Lord.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Please be Seated



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt. Tune: Kirken den er et gammelt hus (88 88 8) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87

Please Stand

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

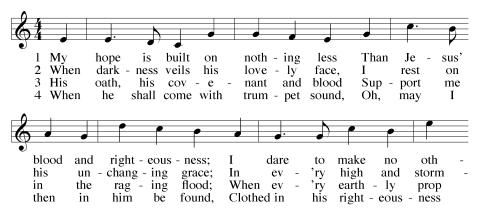
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



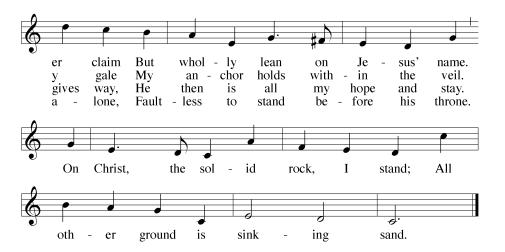
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THE CLOSING HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Miss Heather Schmidt

Announcements

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Today we begin our Summer Sermon Series: "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

VOTER'S MEETING: There will be a Voter's Meeting on Monday, June 29th at 7:30pm. The agenda for the meeting will be three topics: 1. Updates from various boards on their work at St. Paul's; 2. Action on the 2015-2016 budget for St. Paul's; 3. Calling for a second pastor once again. We encourage all voting members to attend.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP FOOD SIGN-UP: We thank everyone for their help with the food that is served for both lunches and snacks during the week of Vacation Bible Camp. The sign-up sheets for this year's food items that are needed are on the counter in the back of church. Thanks for your help!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP SIGN-UP: In order to help us finalize our plans for VBC on July 6-10 with things like meals, crafts, snacks, etc., we ask that the students who will be attending sign-up before VBC begins. You may use the sign-up sheets on the counter in the back of church or on-line at our website: stpaulsfranklin.org. Thanks for your help.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELP: We are thankful for all the people who have signed up to help with this year's program. (We could use some additional help with serving the meals for each day.) If you wish to help in all kinds of different ways, please sign-up using one of the help needed sheets on the counter in the back of church. Once again, it is a big help for us to know prior to the week of VBC who will be helping where and when. Thanks for your assistance. Without our large group of volunteers, we would not be able to make this program such a success as it is.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar Flowers for this weekend are given by Pastor and Nancy Adams in thanksgiving for their 29th Wedding Anniversary.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS: On Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 pm, we began a new Bible Information Class. The main purpose of this class is to teach the basic teachings of God's Word to those who wish to know more about God's Word before joining St. Paul's as a member. Anyone who wishes to review the basic teachings of God's Word is welcome to attend as well. If you were unable to join us this past week, please come and join us this coming week.

4TH OF JULY PARADE: The Board of Spiritual Growth is wanting to know if there is interest in having a 4th of July Float in the Franklin parade. If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the counter in the back of church this weekend.

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: NPH is seeking candidates for a full-time position as merchandise buyer for their retail store, ecommerce, book fairs and conventions. This position is responsible for maximizing NPH's ministry

reach by providing relevant and doctrinally sound books and products. This position is also responsible for increasing sales and maximizing profitability through effective buying and assortment management. A complete job description and application instructions can be found at nph.net/employment.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (June 14 & 15)

8:00 AM-Roger Buntrock 9:30 AM-Jean Villwock 6:30 PM -LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (June 21 & 22)

8:00 AM-Bob & Karen Hille 9:30 AM-Lyle & Christie Timm 6:30 PM-Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR JUNE:

8:00 AM TEAM #2-Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess **9:30 AM** TEAM#6-Andrew Goede, Reed Goede, Cooper Goede, Nolan Romeis, Zach Matthews

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

ALTAR GUILD:

June 10-June 23-TEAM #1; Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE:

June 10 -13: Crew #2: Jerry Lehtinen, Gary Tosic

June 17-20: Crew #3: Dave Qualmann

June 24-27: Crew #4: Frank & Sam Krajewski

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, June 14

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

Monday, June 15 Worship Service	6:30 PM
Thursday, June 18 Adult Bible Information Class	6:30 PM
Friday, June 19 Wedding Rehearsal	5:00 PM
Saturday, June 20 Grundy Wedding	1:00 PM
Sunday, June 21 Worship Service with Communion	
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-78, Communed-69; 9:30 am- 121, Communed-95; 6:30 pm-53, Communed-44; Total Attendance 252; Total Communed-208; Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-n/a