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Season after Pentecost

Holy Communion



LET YOUR GUARD DOWN,
LET GOD IN,
BE AMONG FRIENDS

WELCOME . . .

We are privileged to have you as our guest in the Lord's house this morning. We pray that the time you share with us will be meaningful for you and that God will bless you through it. If you have a question that is not answered here, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.

Registry: Please take time to complete the registry/attendance sheet found in the pew in the black folder at the center aisle. It is important to us that we know who is worshipping with us today. Thank you.

Worship: This booklet is our order of worship for today. Hymns are found in the "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" hymnals located in the racks on the back of the pew in front of you. Everything else is printed in this booklet.

Our worship includes **Holy Communion**. As Christians in the Lutheran heritage, we believe that our Lord Jesus is physically present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we receive. However, if you believe that Jesus' body and blood were given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins, you are welcome to commune with us, regardless of your faith background. A white grape juice is available at the center of the tray for those who do not wish to receive wine.

If you desire to receive communion but are unable to come forward to the communion rail, inform the usher of such and communion will be brought to you.

. . . WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Ministers:	The people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Crossroads
Pastor:	Pastor Creighton
Greeters:	John and Kathy Westerfeld
Accompanist:	Kathy Westerfeld
Acolytes:	Hannah and Haley Barker
Communion Assistant:	Bob Krieger
Sound System:	Gena Mack
Offering Counters:	Curt Wehr and Larry Siebert
Altar Committee:	Virginia Westerfeld

PROCESSION: *This Changes Everything Theme*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: *This Is the Day that the Lord Has Made*

Leader:	Congregation:
This is the day,	This is the day,
That the Lord has made,	That the Lord has made.
We will rejoice,	we will rejoice
And be glad in it,	and be glad in it.

All:
**This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS

Let us pray for all who are beginning a new school year,
that both students and teachers
will be blessed in their academic endeavors.

Dear God,
as we start another school year,
we ask your blessing on these backpacks,
and especially on these children who will wear them.
As they do the very important work of being students,
bless them with:
eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large;
respect for teachers and students,
that they may form healthy relationships;
love for nature,
that they may become caretakers of your creation;
happiness when learning is easy
and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;
faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.
We ask that you would protect these, your own children.
Watch over them and keep them safe

as they travel to and from school.
As they learn, help them also to discover
the different gifts that you have given each one of them
to be used in your work in the world.
Almighty God, giver wisdom, and knowledge.
Grant teachers the gift of joy and insight,
and students the gift of diligence and openness,
that all may grow in what is good and honest and true.
Support all who teach and all who learn,
that together we may know and follow your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Sanctuary*

WORD

God's Call Changes Everything

Lesson: Exodus 3:1-12

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in

Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Testimonial

Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

God's Love Changes Everything

Lesson: John 4:4-30

⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of

the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

Testimonial

Hymn: *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing*

**I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company
I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand
And hear them echo through the hills
For peace throughout the land
That's the song I hear
Let the world sing today
A song of peace that echoes on
And never goes away
A song of peace that echoes on
And n-e-v-e-r g-o-e-s a-w-a-y**

God's Grace Changes Everything

Lesson: Acts 8:26-39

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."
³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

Testimonial

Hymn: *Do Lord*

**I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun, (3 times)
Look away beyond the blue.**

**Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, (3 times)
'way beyond the blue.**

God's Hope Changes Everything

Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and

leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Testimonial

Hymn: *Kum ba yah*

Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah!
O Lord, Kum ba yah!

Jesus Changes Everything

Lesson: Matthew 9:18-26

⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Testimonial

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *In Peace Let Us Pray to the Lord*

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

OFFERING SONG: *Love, Love, Love*

**Love, love, love! That's what it's all about!
"Cause God loves us, we love each other,
Mother, father, sister, brother.
Ev'rybody sing and shout, 'cause that's what it's all about.
It's about love, love, love! It's about love, love, love!**

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads a prayer.

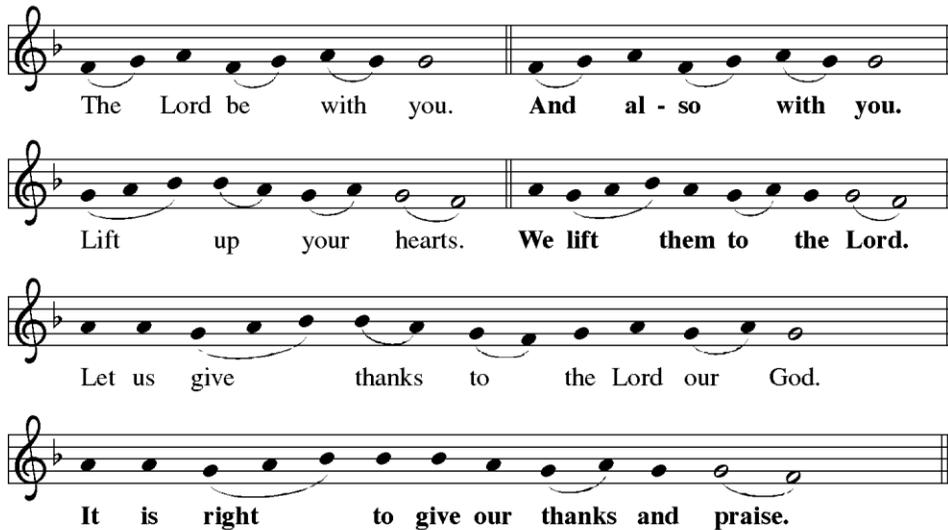
Let us pray together.

Merciful God,
**you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have
set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to
embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God,
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly in invitation.

The assembly is seated.

All are welcome at Christ's table! If you are a visitor and receive communion at your home church, you are invited to do so here. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

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**♪Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

After Holy Communion has been distributed, the assembly stands and the presiding minister may say:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share with the world the certain hope, grace, and love of Christ.

Live your call as beloved of God.

Proclaim to the World:

Jesus Changes Everything!

RECESSIONAL: *This Changes Everything Theme*

We remember in Prayer:

Carol Bergman Aaron Nicholson Angela Siebert
Todd Siebert Sarajane Wilson
Art and Karen Salvitti Marlin and Julia Siebert

Mo Bohman (friend of Debbie Mack, DCMB band dad)

Ruth Booster (wife of former pastor)

Melody Briner (Marilyn Gausman's daughter)

Zach Briner (Marilyn Gausman's relative)

Lois Bastien Brown (Tim Salvitti's grandmother-in-law)

Marie Dierckman (Ginny Low's mother)

Louise Eads (Michelle Wehr's grandmother)

Bonnie Haughn (Sabrina Salvitti Haughn's mother-in-law)

Leonard (husband of Lisa Gausman's friend)

George Lerosé (Art Salvitti's brother-in-law)

Stella Long (Paul Gausman's sister)

Tessa Mayer (wife of Wanda Siebert's principal)

Bekah Netherton (daughter of Debbie Mack's friend)

Ronnie Nicholson (Darrell's brother)

Barry Norman (Lisa Gausman's former principal)

Carol Rayve and Ron Price (Karen Salvitti's mother and friend)

Ted Rayve (Karen Salvitti's brother)

Beverly Richardson (Laura Nicholson's mother)

Kristina Salvitti (Art's daughter)

Gary Schopmeyer (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)

Charlie Seibert (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)

Mike Trenkamp (Tim Mack's brother-in-law)

John Ward (Eunice Sisson's brother-in-law)

Travis Wenning (son of former BHS Ag teacher)

Jasmine Westerfeld (Sharon Brown's great-granddaughter)

Melinda Wilson (wife of Ben Wilson)

anyone affected by natural disasters, warfare and violence

all who serve in the military

Honored Members:

Allen and Mary Lou Narwold

Bill Westerfeld

Our members at St. Andrew's: Julia Siebert

Ruth Thackery

Our Partner Churches: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong and Zion Lutheran Church, Manchester

Today:

God, as students and teachers go back to school, remind us all that your Word “is useful for teaching” (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — year-round! May we never stop learning the truth of your powerful love!

The **altar flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of Dennis and Andrea Westerfeld’s 58th wedding anniversary, and also in remembrance of Dennis’ dad Clarence’s birthday.

Everyone is invited to stay after worship this morning for **fellowship and food** as we continue our Rally Day festivities.

This Week:

Office Hours – Monday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Pr. Creighton’s office hours –

Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Monday –

Leisure Ladies 1:00 PM

Tuesday –

SEIC Clergy meeting 10:00 AM

Sunday -

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Worship leaders for August 19th:

Greeters:	Jason and Sarah Young and Family
Accompanist:	Andrea Westerfeld
Acolytes:	Brayden Siebert and Luke Meyer
Assisting Minister:	Kathy Westerfeld
Reader:	Gena Mack
Communion Assistant:	Gene Krieger
Sound System:	Jordan Meyer
Offering Counters:	Gary Westerfeld and Arnie Wehr
Altar Committee:	Virginia Westerfeld

Upcoming Events / Announcements:

Art Salvitti is working to keep our **church's website** updated with current worship information and events. To help this stay current, Art would like pictures and information about our happenings. Please see the newsletter for more information, and how to submit materials. Thanks for your assistance with this project.

St. John, Bellaire, will be hosting a **German Festival** on Sunday, August 19th, from 11am – 4pm. Activities include a meal, Eureka Band, and other entertainment and games. See the bulletin board for more information.



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