

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Crossroads (ELCA)

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**Sunday, August 19, 2018**  
**Season after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*



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!**

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Greeters:	Jason and Sarah Young 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

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*      ELW 759**

## **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and assembly greet one another.*

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.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Lead by the assisting minister*

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth; and the mountain peaks**

**belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker!**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the flock under his care.

**Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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*A canticle of praise may be sung by all.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**♪ Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be

strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6**

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.*

A reading from the ninth chapter of Proverbs.

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14**

*The psalm is read responsively by verse.*

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes pleasure in life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20**

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

A reading from the fifth chapter of Ephesians.

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,  
<sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the

Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to acclaim the gospel.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: John 6:51-58**

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

The holy gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I

live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.  
<sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, Let Us Eat***

**ELW 491**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence, especially those listed in the bulletin and prayer book, and those we name aloud or in our hearts at this time. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we thank you for this congregation. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and all for whom we have forgotten or neglected to pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **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.*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

### *Offering Song*

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 to me the joy of  
 your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

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

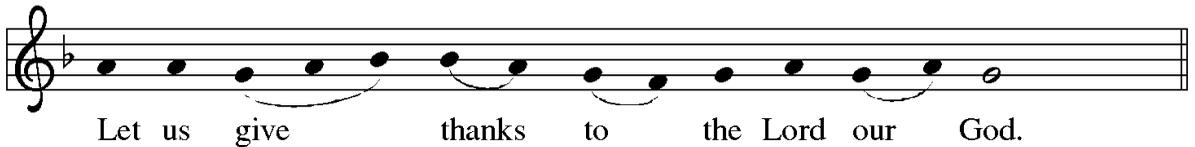
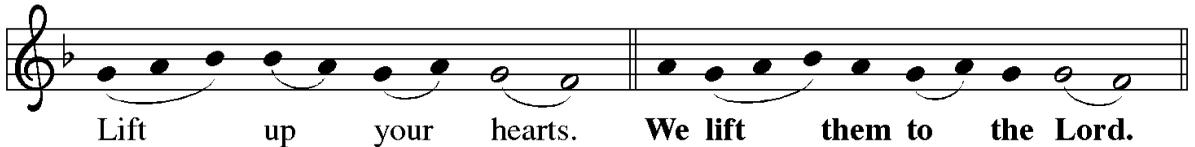
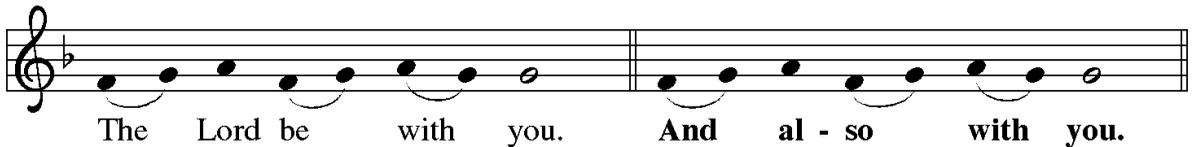
Let us pray together.

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.*



## **PREFACE**

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

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW p. 144

**♪ 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**

ELW p. 146

**♪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*

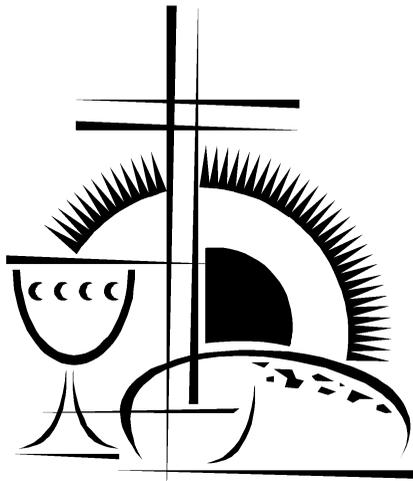
Amen.

## 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.**



Those who eat my flesh and  
drink my blood abide in me,  
and I in them.

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION:

*Thankful Hearts and Voices*

ELW 206



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## 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:**        *O Savior, Precious Savior*        **ELW 820**

## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister may address the assembly.*

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**We are a family of believers who meet together to:  
enjoy life together  
worship and learn about God  
make a difference in the world.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **We remember in Prayer:**

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

Steve Reen (neighbor of the Mack's)  
Family and friends of Louise Eads (Michelle Wehr's grandmother)  
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)  
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

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