



**National Celebration of the  
250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Nation**

**July 5, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

*Hebrews 12:18–24*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

*1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29*

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

*Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar*

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

*Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass*

#### A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail. We offer gluten free wafers, please advise Pastor Ermeling as he comes by during communion.

## As We Gather

Today is the final week of our focus on God asking us the question: "Can you hear me now?" Last week we looked at the seven-step test of answering the question "How do you get guidance from God?" Each step was a word that began with a "w". Today we ask the question, "How do you know if it is from God?" We pray that this series has been a blessing to you and your walk with the Lord. This weekend, we are also privileged to be part of the 250th anniversary of our Nation.

*Stand*

**The Song of the Nation**

God Bless Our Native Land

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# ✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

## Invocation

Pastor: We begin

*Men: in the name of the Father*

**Women: Who created all things by the power of His Word;**

*Men: in the name of the Son ✠*

**Women: Who became the Word made flesh for us;**

*Men: in the name of the Holy Spirit*

**Women: Who enlightens us through the power of the Word.**

Pastor: We worship and praise our loving God Who continues to use His Word to speak to us.

**ALL: Amen, amen, amen.**

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## Litany on The Word of God

Pastor: "He who has ears – let him hear." (*Luke 8:8*)

**People:** **Let the wise listen and add to their learning.** (*Prov. 1:5*)

Pastor: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth:

*Men:* **God said, "Let there be..."**

*Women:* *and there was...*

Pastor: God saw all that He had made

**ALL:** **and it was very good.** (*Genesis 1:1, 3, 31*)

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the good Shepherd..."

**ALL:** **His sheep follow Him because they know His voice.** (*John 10:4, 14*)

Pastor: "I will listen to what God the Lord will say." (*Psalms 85:8*)

**ALL:** **"Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening."** (*1 Sam. 1:10*)

*Men:* **"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**

*Women:* *and a light unto my path."* (*Psalms 119:105*)

Pastor: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but God's Word will never pass away."  
(*Luke 21:33*)

**People:** **"He who has ears – let him hear."** (*Luke 8:8*)

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

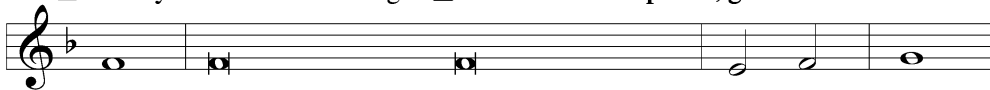


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

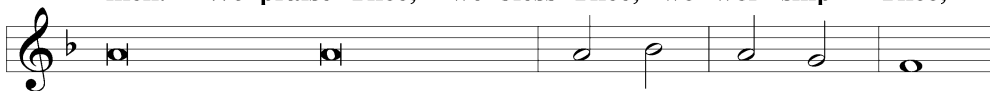
## Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



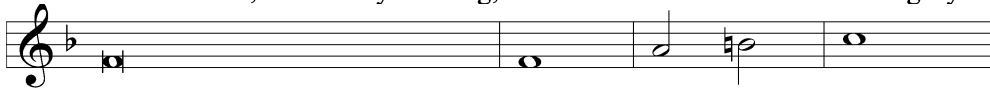
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



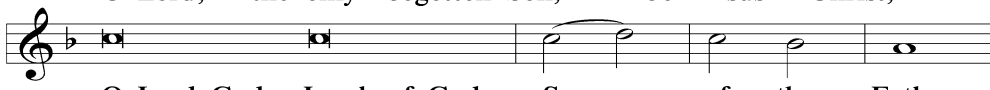
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



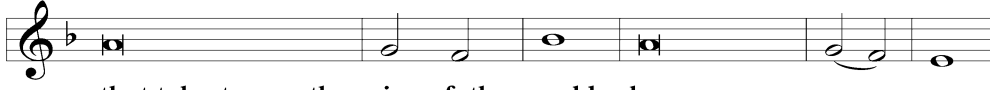
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



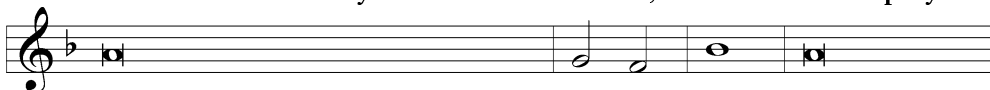
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



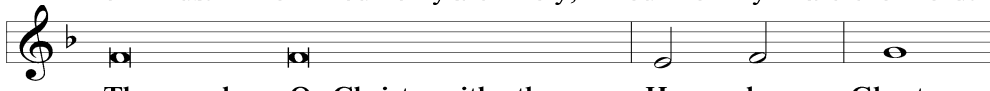
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*Proverbs 14:12; 11:14*

*(God reminds us of the importance of testing the source of all ideas.)*

<sup>12</sup>There is a way that seems right to a man,  
but its end is the way to death.

<sup>14</sup>Where there is no guidance, a people falls,  
but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**For from him and through him and to him are all things.**

**To him be glory forever. Amen.**

## Epistle

*James 3:14–17*

*(We learn of the difference between idea from Satan and those from God.)*

<sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



Sit

## Hymn of the Day

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

602 sts. 1, 3, 6

Sermon

Offering

Stand

## Offertory

**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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

*At the end of each petition:*

**P** Let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

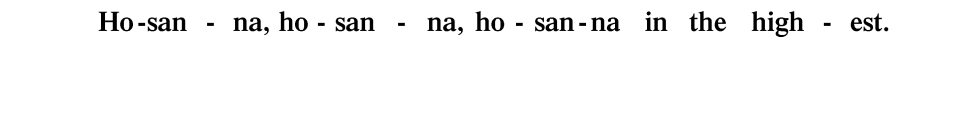
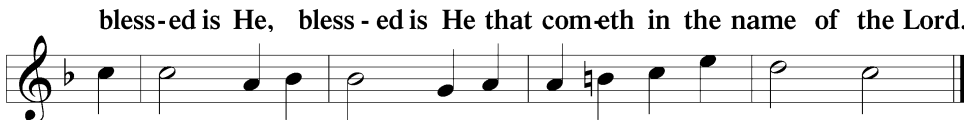
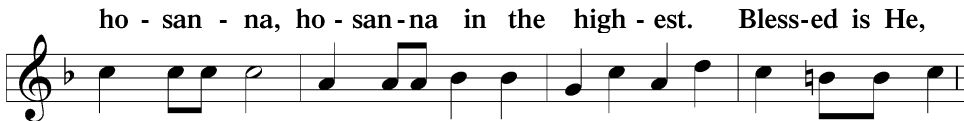


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



## 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 Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Stand

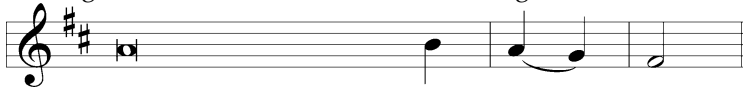
## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Processional Hymn

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

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*"To Shine Forth the Light of God's Love into Our World"*

# BULLETIN NEWS

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Sunday, July 5</b>	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Spanish Worship Service	Sanctuary
		Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Library
<b>Monday, July 6</b>	12:30pm	Spanish Bible Study	Irmer Hall
	4:30pm	Service Project	Campus Wide
	5:30pm	Bible Study	Narthex
<b>Thursday, July 9</b>	4:30pm	Service Project	Campus Wide
	5:30pm	Bible Study	Narthex
<b>Friday, July 10</b>	6:30pm	Spanish Family Bible Study	Irmer Hall
<b>Saturday, July 11</b>	8:30pm	CPR Class	Muller Hall
	11:00am	Memorial Service	Irmer Hall

## BIRTHDAYS

07/05 – Sarah Fust  
 07/09 – Brian Mooneyham  
 07/09 – Kristin Oravec

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

06/05 – Kaylee Martin  
 06/05 – Jayden Winger  
 06/05 – John Winger

## SOCIAL MINISTRY – CODE RED WATER DRIVE FOR JULY & AUGUST

In July and August, we are collecting bottled water for the Salvation Army's Code Red heat-relief program. Please place donations on the Social Ministry cart in the narthex.

## NEW HISPANIC MINISTRY & WELCOME TO REV. RAMÓN CABRALES AND DEACONESS

St. Paul joyfully welcomes Rev. Ramón Cabrales and Deaconess Carmen as we launch our new Hispanic Ministry. Pastor Ramón and Deaconess Carmen come to us from Apostles Lutheran Church and are graduates of the Concordia Seminary's Center for Hispanic Studies in St. Louis, Missouri.

Pastor Ramón is a gifted communicator and musician, and Deaconess Carmen actively serves in children's ministries. We are blessed to offer Spanish Worship at 11:00 AM, followed by a Bible Study at 12:30 PM. Please help us spread the word and make our new families feel at home.

## **WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE**

Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: Pro-Life Democrats; Divorce & Remarriage; Down Syndrome Children & Abortion; Campus Ministry and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

## **LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Ben Franklin famously quipped, “A Republic, if you can keep it” when asked what form of government the founders finalized. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty helps this generation “keep it.” See [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org) for more information.

## **SUMMER SERMON SERIES** (*July through September*)

### **Twelve Weeks of Life-Changing Character Studies on Joseph**

**Week 1**-Joseph - *The Owner of a Dream*

**Week 2**- Joseph—*A Man with God-Given Success*

**Week 3** - Joseph—*A Man of Integrity.*

**Week 4** -Joseph in the School of Hard Knocks

**Week 5** -Joseph—*The Interpreter of Dreams*

**Week 6** - Joseph—*Watching God Work*

**Week 7** – *5 Characteristics of a Man Who Rises to the Top*

**Week 8** - *How to Survive a Crisis*

**Week 9** -*The Power to Overcome the Handicaps of Life*

**Week 10**- *The Steps of Christ-like Forgiveness*

**Week 11** - *Why Joseph Received “The Blessing”*

**Week 12** -*How to Reach Your Greatest Potential in Life*

If you miss a Sunday, you can watch the recorded service on YOUTUBE at [St. Paul Lutheran Church Phoenix.](#)

## LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at [info@stpaul Lutheran-az.com](mailto:info@stpaul Lutheran-az.com). Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

### ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Suzi Riley – health issues

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

Nicholas Jimenez – health issues

Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues

Jim Rucker – health issues

### MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.      PSWD Missions

### PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Vernen Ermeling and family

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

The Rev. Ramón Cabrales and Deaconess Carmen

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Achieve Academy families & staff

**OUR NATION:** For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (*members, friends, or relatives*):

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