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Ordinary Time



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Beloit, Wisconsin

Worship Leaders Bulletin

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GATHERING – *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: God, our provider . . .

All: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways because they are so different than ours.

We rely on our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We spiritualize your teachings and ignore your ways.

Turn us back to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for our life in this world.

Amen.

Pastor: Beloved people of God: In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

2 KINGS 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God some bread from the early produce—twenty loaves of barley bread and fresh grain from his bag. Elisha said, “Give it to the people so they can eat.”

⁴³ His servant said, “How can I feed one hundred men with this?”

Elisha said, “Give it to the people so they can eat! This is what the Lord says: ‘Eat and there will be leftovers.’” ⁴⁴ So the servant gave the food to them. They ate and had leftovers, in agreement with the Lord’s word.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JOHN 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called “signs,” because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹ After this Jesus went across the Galilee Sea (that is, the Tiberias Sea). ² A large crowd followed him, because they had seen the miraculous signs he had done among the sick. ³ Jesus went up a mountain and sat there with his disciples. ⁴ It was nearly time for Passover, the Jewish festival.

⁵ Jesus looked up and saw the large crowd coming toward him. He asked Philip, “Where will we buy food to feed these people?” ⁶ Jesus said this to test him, for he already knew what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip replied, “More than a half year’s salary worth of food wouldn’t be enough for each person to have even a little bit.”

⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ⁹ “A youth here has five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that for a crowd like this?”

¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass there. They sat down, about five thousand of them. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the bread. When he had given thanks, he distributed it to those who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, each getting as much as they wanted. ¹² When they had plenty to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted.” ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ When the people saw that he had done a miraculous sign, they said, “This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world.” ¹⁵ Jesus understood that they were about to come and force him to be their king, so he took refuge again, alone on a mountain.

¹⁶ When evening came, Jesus' disciples went down to the lake. ¹⁷ They got into a boat and were crossing the lake to Capernaum. It was already getting dark and Jesus hadn't come to them yet. ¹⁸ The water was getting rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When the wind had driven them out for about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the water. He was approaching the boat and they were afraid. ²⁰ He said to them, "I Am. Don't be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and just then the boat reached the land where they had been heading.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

REV. SARA GILLESPIE

SONG OF THE DAY

Jesus Priceless Treasure

ELW 775

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Now we take time to offer our prayers. When prompted, you are encouraged to share your prayer concerns by speaking aloud the names of those on your heart, or if you're worshipping with us online, by typing a name or a few words in the comment box.

Intercessor: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Intercessor: We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations, especially San José, St. Jude, People's Church, and Our Savior's Lutheran. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought, rescue those recovering from floods, and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption, and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. We pray especially for those on our hearts and minds, whom we name before you now. . . (. . . *pause 10 seconds* . . .). Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Take a moment to creatively share a sign of peace with those around you. Think of others whom you wish a blessing of Christ's peace. Pray for them briefly, and consider texting, calling, or writing them a note this week.

<p>MEAL – <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p>

OFFERING

You are encouraged to continue to give as you are able to the ministry and mission of St. Paul. There is a basket at the back of the sanctuary where you can place your gifts. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 617 St. Lawrence Ave., Beloit, WI 53511. To give online, go to <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>. Please check the eNews and newsletter for other ways to support God's Work, Our Hands in our community and around the world.

COMMUNION

At St. Paul we believe that this meal is a sacrament in which we celebrate the life, death, and living presence of Jesus Christ who meets us here in his body and blood. As we participate in this sacrament we are strengthened in the covenant made through our baptism, reminded that we are sealed with the cross of Christ and called to serve God's mission in sharing the Good News of Jesus with the world. All who hunger and thirst for Jesus are invited to this table, where Christ is the host, to participate together in this sacrament.

If you are worshipping with us at home, please lift the elements of your own communion table alongside of the pastor. We will eat and drink together after the words of institution.

If you are worshipping in person at St. Paul, as you leave the service you will be offered the bread and cup. Please move down the hall to partake, reminded that this meal strengthens you for the good work God has called you to in the days ahead.

Pastor: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, both heaven and earth are full of signs of your glory and goodness. In great love you came to us in Jesus, who reached out to heal the sick, comfort the suffering, preach Good News to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: 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.

SENDING – <i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i>
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SENDING BLESSING

Pastor: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Come to the Table

Claire Cloninger & Martin J. Nyström

Verse 1

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread
All who are hungry and thirsty
Come and your souls will be fed

Chorus

Come at the Lord's invitation
Receive from His nail-scarred hand
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the blood of the Lamb

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE & DISMISSAL

Pastor: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. As you go in peace this morning, come to the feast!

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SERVING YOU TODAY

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Guest Pastor

Rev. Sara Gillespie

Organist & Director of Music

David Frank

Nursery Worker

Tori Carr

Council Person

Jean Neitzel

Ken Harris

Reader

Jean Neitzel

Carol Josh

Intercessor

Chet Organ

Carol Josh

Tech/Livestream

Tech Team

PowerPoint

Jan Knutson

Hayden Murry

Coffee Hour Sponsor

Youth Ministry

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ken J. (Chet's friend); **Lisa B.** (Soup Lunch friend); **Konner G.**; **Mark S.**; **Amber V.** (Judelle & Ray Murphy's daughter); **Joy M.** (Judelle & Ray Murphy's granddaughter); **Linda M.**; **Kristina** (Pat Baker's granddaughter); **Terry & Marlene G.** (Beth Rodermel's friends); **Beth R.**; **Ellwyn E.** (Cathy Oswald's brother-in-law); **Ray** (Chet Organ's brother); **Tracy C.** (father of Tori & Trevor Carr's father); **Dick P.** (Chet Organ's friend); **Charlene B.**; **Jennifer and all those who seek shelter**; **Robin B.** (Resa Haile's friend); **Rick M.**; **Roger E.**; **Will S.**; **Kathy W.** (Pastor Lucy's mother-in-law); **Lynn** (Jan Knutson's college friend); **Egil**; **Tori C.**; **Tom** (Billie Kenitzer's brother); **RL**; **Kathy P.**; **Juelane** (Mark Mueller's sister); **Larry & Shayne M.** (St. Paul Soup Lunch friends); **Carol M.**; **Steve H.**; **Timothy W.**; **Shirley** (Ken Harris's mother); **all who have been diagnosed with or are waiting for test results or are otherwise affected by COVID-19; and all those affected by the violence in our nation and around the world; and friends and family in the military.**

*Names will usually be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested.
Please let us know if you have any additions for the prayer list.*



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662