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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,  
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**All: Amen.**

*Pastor:* Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Pastor:* God, our comforter . . .

**All: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We look at a world of abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn away so we don't have to see injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth out of apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

*Pastor:* All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✚ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

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**All: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

**ELW 726**  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**WORD** – *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING**

**JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17**

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. <sup>2</sup> Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. <sup>3</sup> Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." <sup>4</sup> Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

<sup>5</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

<sup>8</sup> You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself.* <sup>9</sup> But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it.

<sup>14</sup> My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? <sup>15</sup> Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. <sup>16</sup> What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

*Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

**MARK 7:24-37**

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

<sup>24</sup> Jesus left that place and went into the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know that he had entered a house, but he couldn't hide. <sup>25</sup> In fact, a woman whose young daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard about him right away. She came and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was Greek, Syrophenician by birth. She begged Jesus to throw the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He responded, "The children have to be fed first. It isn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

<sup>28</sup> But she answered, “Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

<sup>29</sup> “Good answer!” he said. “Go on home. The demon has already left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup> When she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup> After leaving the region of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon toward the Galilee Sea through the region of the Ten Cities. <sup>32</sup> Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged him to place his hand on the man for healing. <sup>33</sup> Jesus took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. <sup>34</sup> Looking into heaven, Jesus sighed deeply and said, “*Ephphatha*,” which means, “Open up.” <sup>35</sup> At once, his ears opened, his twisted tongue was released, and he began to speak clearly.

<sup>36</sup> Jesus gave the people strict orders not to tell anyone. But the more he tried to silence them, the more eagerly they shared the news. <sup>37</sup> People were overcome with wonder, saying, “He does everything well! He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who can’t speak.”

*Preacher:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**REV. LUCY WYNARD**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

**ELW 612**

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Intercessor:* As God’s children, and heirs of God’s promise, we pray now for the church, the world, and all in need. During this time of prayer there will be a petition when you will be invited to lift up those people or situations especially on your hearts and minds. When prompted, please speak those names aloud, or type them into the comment box online, so that we might all join together in prayer. ... Let us pray. (*short pause*)

*Intercessor:* Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all preachers, prophets, evangelists, and missionaries. Empower us all as we seek to share your love through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Be with all living things, including human beings, as they struggle with the consequences of too much water or too much heat. We pray especially for all that suffer in the wake of storms or fires. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Especially as we celebrate Labor Day, unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. We pray for all whose needs we know, especially those who are on our hearts and minds today, whom we name now . . . ( . . . *pause at least 10 seconds* . . . ). Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation, especially Believers Club, youth group, women's circles, Council, financial teams, altar guild, tech team, stewardship leaders, OWLS, Soup Lunch, Family Promise, quilters, choir, praise band. . . and more! Birth new things among us, and help us let go of what has run its course. Keep us creative and faithful in following you in our mission. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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.

## **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.

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

*Pastor:* People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ✝ one God, bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**ELW 858**  
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## **DISMISSAL**

*Pastor:* Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## Serving You Today

**Pastor**  
**Organist & Director of Music**  
**Guest Musician**  
**Coffee Hour Sponsor**

Rev. Lucy Wynard  
David Frank  
Laurie Hallmark  
OWLS

### *First Service*

**Council**  
Larry Mortimer

**Reader**  
Chet Organ

**Intercessor**  
Henry Pann

**Tech/Livestream**  
Tech Team

**PowerPoint**  
Zach Fillbach

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### *Second Service*

**Nursery Worker**  
Tori Carr

**Council**  
Jen Murry

**Reader**  
Lexi Blazer

**PowerPoint**  
Mary Mortimer

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## PRAYER LIST

*Please keep the following people in your prayers:*

**Marge K.; Kyle & Kim R.; Marilyn F.; Patricia E., Colin C.; Amy F.** (Sharyn Pann's cousin); **Ken J.** (Chet Organ's friend); **Lisa B.** (Soup Lunch friend); **Mark S.; Amber V.** (Judelle & Ray Murphy's daughter); **Joy M.** (Judelle & Ray Murphy's granddaughter); **Linda M.; Kristina** (Pat Baker's granddaughter); **Marlene G. and her family** (Beth Rodermel's friends); **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.*

# Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

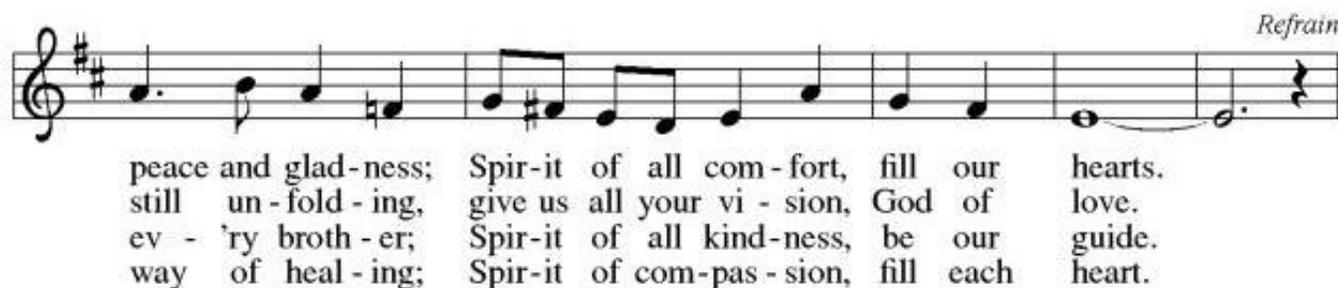
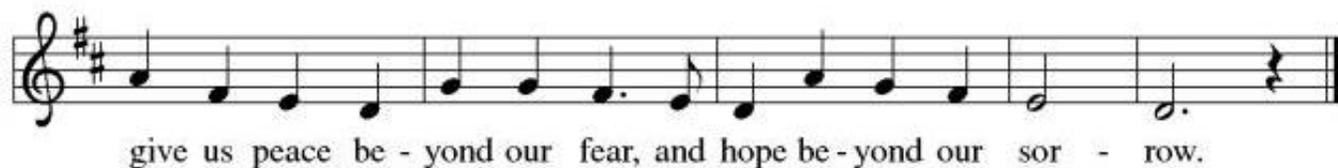
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Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665