



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Pontiac, IL
August 2, 2020
9th Sunday after Pentecost**

We gather to worship, reach out, and serve the Lord.

Welcome

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Whether you have worshipped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

God's Peace be with you,
Pastor Mathew

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Introduction to the day

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In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

GATHERING

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,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
we have not trusted your abundance in our lives.
we rely on our own efforts.

Forgive us, O God.

we fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
we abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

Forgive us, O God.

we fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.

Forgive us, O God.

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace,

Forgive us, O God.

Loved ones of God,
by the wide abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. Let the church say amen.

Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

Reading – Isaiah 55: 1-5

L: A reading from Isaiah.

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water! Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat! Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk! ²Why spend money for what isn't food, and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good; enjoy the richest of feasts. ³Listen and come to me; listen, and you will live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful loyalty to David.

⁴Look, I made him a witness to the peoples, a prince and commander of peoples.

⁵Look, you will call a nation you don't know, a nation you don't know will run to you because of the LORD your God, the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Gospel–Matthew 14: 13-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³When Jesus heard about [the beheading of] John [the baptist], he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. ¹⁵That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.”

¹⁸ He said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. ²¹ About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Mathew Berger

Special Music

The Church of Christ in Every Age

ELW 729

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends “Lord, in your mercy.” The congregation is invited to respond, “**hear our prayer**”.

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors by saying or typing, “Peace be with you.”

Offerings can be given by mail or online. You can send a check to St. Paul Lutheran Church 210 Deerfield Rd Pontiac, IL 61764. You can give online at <http://www.stpaulpontiac.org/>

Offering Prayer

L: God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

A: **Amen.**

Words of Institution

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.

Lord's Prayer

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

L: Friends of Jesus, share in this meal. Receive nourishment for your journey.

Special Music during Communion

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

Prayer after Communion

L: God of the welcome table,
In this meal we have feasted on your goodness
And have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
So that we may share your neighborly love with all,
Through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

A: Amen.

Announcements

SENDING

Benediction

L: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

A: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

A: Thanks be to God.

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