



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Mission Statement

St. Paul's is called to: Go, Make, Baptize & Teach

Vision Statement

St. Paul's will be a Community of Faith;
Alive in Spirit, Alive in Baytown, Alive in the World.
We will be actively sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ
while continuing to grow in God's Grace.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to worship!

(Please sign your contact info. in the Friendship pad in your pew)

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUBILEE CHOIR

HANDBELL CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

#597 ELW

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

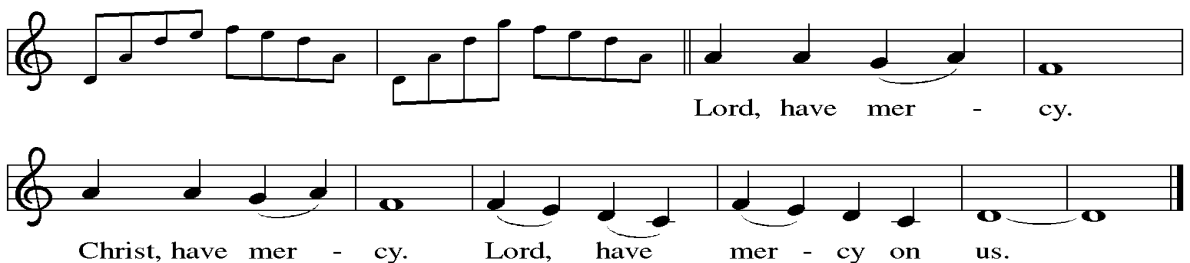
Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*KYRIE X2

ELW 158



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Pew Bible pg. 833 OT

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Matthew 16:13-20

Pew Bible pg. 22 NT

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: A reading from Romans.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL READING: Romans 12:1-8

Pew Bible pg. 196 NT

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Nancy Simpson

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"We All Are One in Mission"

#576 ELW

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

*SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church.*



*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

ELW 181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

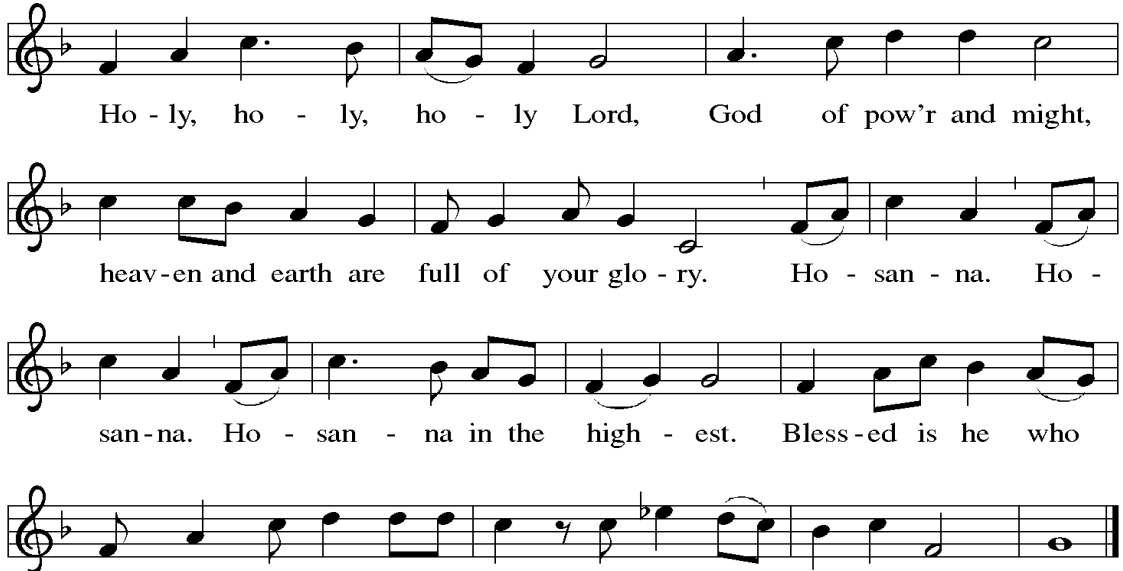
*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.	C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

*We celebrate God's grace as it comes to us in the Lord's Supper. Here at St. Paul's we practice an open table. All are welcome to come by faith to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive the wafer and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice. **The cups of grape juice** are in the center of the Communion tray. Children may come forward for a blessing. If you need to remain in the pew, please let an usher know and the Communion elements will be brought to you.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: We thank you, generous God, for the grace we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your goodness into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

#669 ELW

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY 8/27

9AM
 9:30AM
 10:30AM
 11:45AM

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jubilee Choir Rehearsal
 Adult Sunday School
 Worship
 Inreach/Outreach Committee Mtg.

TUESDAY 8/29

7:00AM Food Pantry Prep

WEDNESDAY 8/30

8:30AM Golden Group Trip—Shopping on Westheimer

THURSDAY 8/31

9AM Food Pantry Distribution

SUNDAY 9/3

9AM
 9:30AM
 10:30AM
 11:45AM
 11:45AM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jubilee Choir Rehearsal
 Adult Sunday School
 Worship
 Education/Youth & Family Committee Mtg.
 Property Committee Mtg.

WEEKLY GENERAL FUND REPORT August 20, 2023 General Fund Income \$3895.00.
 Needed weekly, \$4815 to cover General Fund Expenses.

FOOD PANTRY Donations of canned tuna continue to be a blessing for the Food Pantry. There is a collection tote in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you! We also need grocery bags. Please drop off your grocery bags in the trash bin in the Coke room. Thank you!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS-Donating items for the Seafarer's Christmas Shoeboxes

There is a list of suggested items on the Seafarer bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a table for you to drop off your donated items. We will assemble and wrap our Christmas shoeboxes on Sunday September 10th.

WILDFIRES ON THE HAWAIIAN ISLAND OF MAUI Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Gifts given to **Lutheran Disaster Response**, designated specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires. Go to

www.stpaulsbaytown.org and click on Wildfire Relief or you can call Lutheran Disaster Response at **800-638-3522** or send a check to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line.

Assisting Minister: Debbie Gillespie
 Ushers: Birdie Torberson, Luis Estrada
 Altar Guild: Becky Linsenbardt
 Sound System: Donna Reavis
 Tellers: Karen Elizondo, Debbie Gillespie

Pastor: The Rev. Nancy Simpson
 Pianist: Ting Ke
 Director of Office Ministries: Jada Hylton
 Handbell Ringer: Karen Elizondo