



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.

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to worship!

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

PRELUDE

"Prelude in a"

Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF A LAY PROFESSIONAL LEADER, Robin Dunn

JUBILEE CHOIR

"I Come with Joy"

HANDBELL CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

879 ELW

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,

**C: you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

P: Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In † Jesus Christ you are forgiven. **Amen.**

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Pew Bible pg. 877 OT

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Pew Bible pg. 197 NT

A: Word of God, Word of life.

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*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: The Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28

Pew Bible pg. 22 NT

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Nancy Simpson

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#798 ELW

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Merciful God.

C: **Receive our prayer.**

*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.*

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

arr. Bradbury



*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 power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

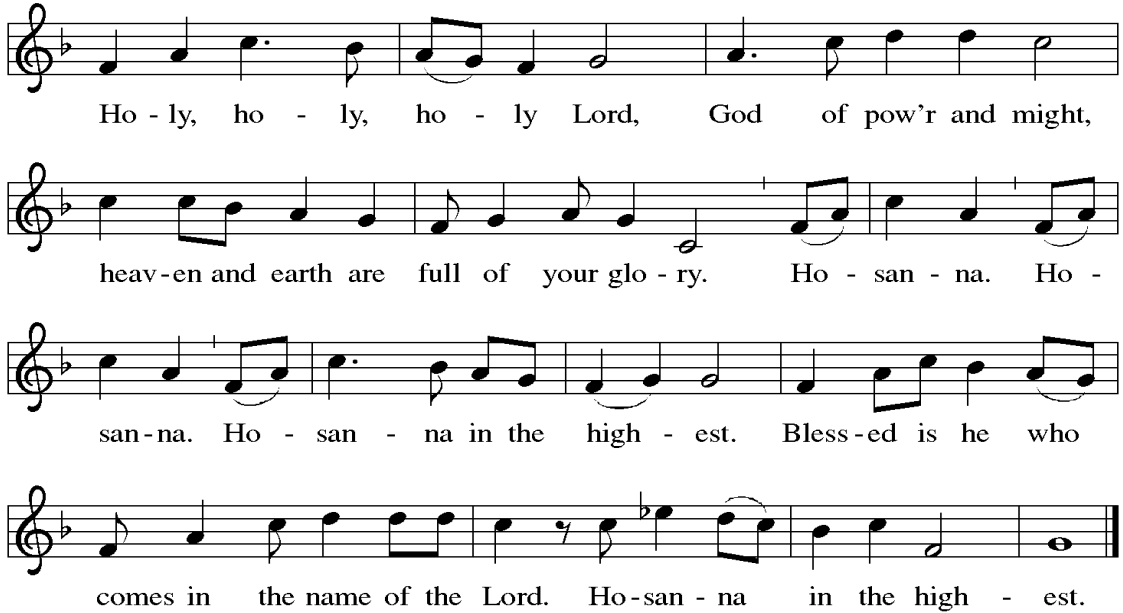
P: Lift up your hearts.

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



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 prefilled 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: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word,
 Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food,
 send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all
 are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN

"Let Steams of Living Justice"

#710 ELW

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Kim

Assisting Minister: Donna Reavis
 Ushers: Linda Hendricks, Erwin Hendricks
 Altar Guild: Donna Reavis
 Sound System: David Andrews
 Tellers: Karen Elizondo, Kim Holle

Pastor: The Rev. Nancy Simpson
 Director of Music Ministries: Robin Dunn
 Director of Office Ministries: Jada Hylton
 Handbell Ringer: Karen Elizondo

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.

MONDAY 9/4

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

TUESDAY 9/5

7:00AM Food Pantry Prep

THURSDAY 9/7

9AM Food Pantry Distribution

FRIDAY 9/8

2PM Ting Ke, Classical Piano Concert @ AS Life Enrichment Ctr.
 14703 Eagle Vista Dr Houston, TX 77077 (Eagle's Trace)

SUNDAY 9/10

9AM Jubilee Choir Rehearsal
 9:30AM Adult Sunday School
 10:30AM Worship
 11:45AM God's Work Our Hands Project

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

WELCOME ROBIN DUNN our new Director of Music Ministries. We are all so glad you're here.

NAME TAGS– Please wear your name tags on Sunday morning. This helps everybody get to know each other.

WEEKLY GENERAL FUND REPORT August 27, 2023 General Fund Income \$4894.62.
 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 after worship.

FALL FLEA MARKET Saturday, September 16th 9:00-2:00 Reserve your spot now! Spots are \$25. Come by the church office or see Donna Reavis on Sunday. Take some advertising flyers with you to display where you frequent. All proceeds go towards the general fund. The church will not have a spot for you to donate your items. No food may be sold at this event.

ADOPT A SPOT Saturday, September 23rd at 8am Please meet at the Sterling Library to pick up litter. Erwin & Linda Hendricks are leading the event. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

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