



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
*On the Want for Workers*

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

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July 6, 2025

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

## TODAY’S THEME

In recent weeks we learned that everyone who has seen the grace of God will, whenever the opportunity arises, serve as a witness for Christ. However, Scripture teaches that there is also a need for individuals for whom gospel proclamation is their full-time focus. There are many different terms for these workers: shepherds, pastors, teachers, ministers, missionaries, etc. These workers are called by God himself through the Church to proclaim law and gospel in some public capacity. Called workers carry out their calling, not because of what they might gain from the flock, but because of what the flock might gain from Jesus through public ministry. Jesus taught there will always be a want for such workers. *“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few”* (Luke 10:2). So, this is a topic worthy of our undivided attention.

## CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

**Pastor**.....Jeremy Glowicki  
**Organist**.....Lois Zander

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

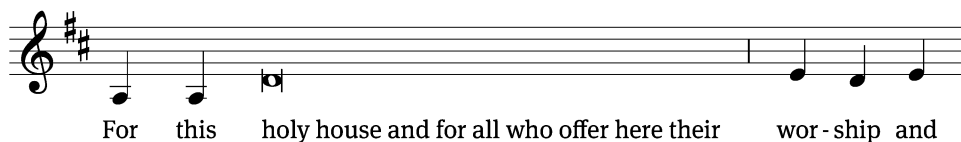
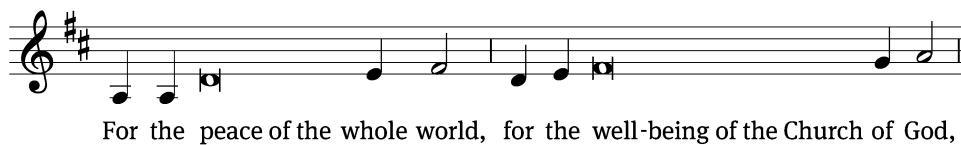
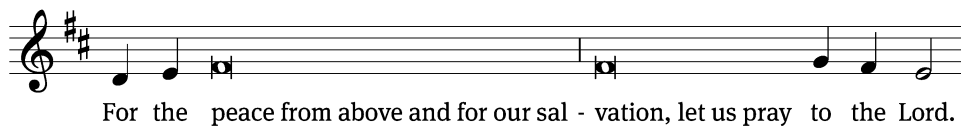
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.  
**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.  
A - men. A - men.

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## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, glo-ry to  
God, and peace to his peo-ple on earth,  
and peace to his peo-ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and  
Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

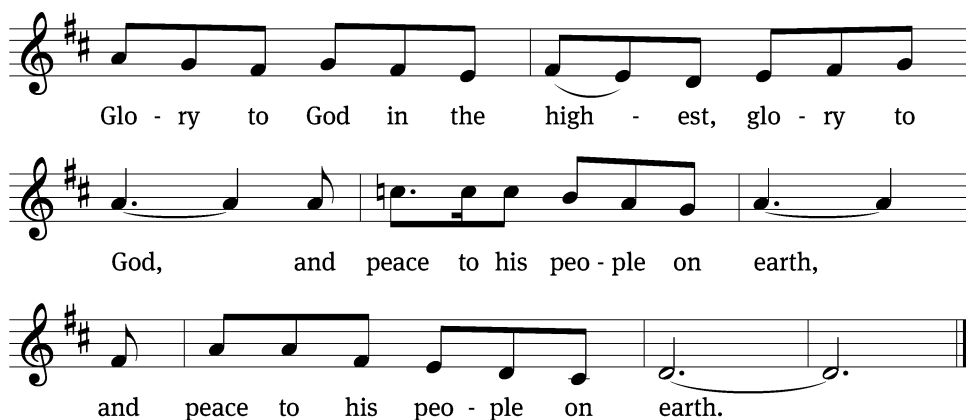
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send your messengers to preserve your people in true peace, that, by the preaching of your Word, your church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Ezekiel 2:9—3:11

*Ezekiel was called to proclaim the word of the Lord to his fellow exiles, regardless of whether they listened or failed to listen.*

Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out toward me, and in it there was a rolled-up scroll. He unrolled it in front of me, and there was writing on both sides. Written on it was: Laments, Groaning, and Woe. Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat what you have received. Eat this scroll, and then go, speak to the house of Israel.” I opened my mouth, and he fed me the scroll. Then he said to me, “Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your belly with this scroll that I am giving you.” I ate, and in my mouth it was sweet like honey. He then said to me, “Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them. For you are not being sent to a people who have incomprehensible speech or a difficult language, but you are being sent to the house of Israel. Nor are you being sent to many peoples who have incomprehensible speech and difficult languages, whose words you cannot understand. Certainly, if I were to send you to such people, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me, because the whole house of Israel is hard-headed and hard-hearted. Look, I have made your face just as hard as their faces and your forehead just as hard as their foreheads. I have made your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not fear them, and do not be intimidated by their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” Then he said to me, “Son of man, receive into your heart all my words that I will speak to you, and hear them with your ears. Go now to the exiles, to your own people. You shall speak to them and say to them, ‘This is what the LORD God says,’ whether they listen or they do not.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 67A Let the Peoples Praise You

Psalms 67A



## Second Reading

1 Peter 5:1-4

*Ministers are to shepherd God's flock exactly as Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, would himself.*

Therefore, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and as one who also shares in the glory that is about to be revealed, I appeal to the elders among you: Shepherd God's flock that is among you, serving as overseers, not grudgingly but willingly, as God desires, not because you are greedy for money but because you are eager to do it. Do not lord it over those entrusted to your care, but be examples for the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 52:7



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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*Jesus sends out messengers of his Word who were to serve the people they met exactly as Jesus would have if he had been there himself.*

After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. Go your way. Look, I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Do not carry a money bag or traveler’s bag or sandals. Do not greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ And if a peaceful person is there, your peace will rest on him, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in that same house, eating and drinking what they give you, because the worker is worthy of his pay. Do not keep moving from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they welcome you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are in the town and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near you.’ “But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust from your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom on that day than for that town. Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!” He told them, “I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

**Lead the citizens of our land to honor the useful foundations of society.**

Care for those who are sick or have been injured. Calm those who are disappointed and depressed. Provide guidance to those who care for people in trouble or in need.

**Lead us to provide help when we can and to pray at all times.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.  
**Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## Offering

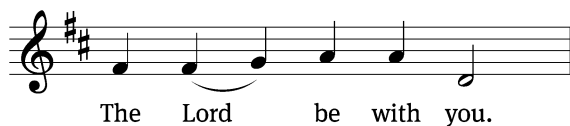
During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

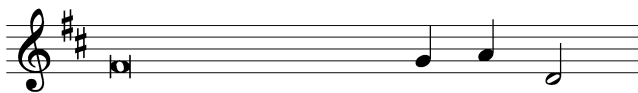
## The Sacrament

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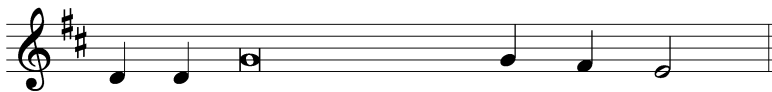
### Preface

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.

## Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

## Lamb of God

CW 202



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, grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

## Distribution

### 897 Lord Jesus, You Have Come

CW 897

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **896 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give**

CW 896

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## News & Notes

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### Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Corey Kuiken in memory of her parents, Wayne and Gloria Tepfer. Thank you!

### Spring Church Cleaning in July!

Mark your calendars! We have an opportunity for a different kind of fellowship on Saturday, July 12th. Help keep our church tidy and well-kept with our God given abilities! Given how late in the summer it'll be, we'll start at 9 am and go until the early afternoon. Doughnuts will be provided.

### Summer Bible Study – The Council of Nicaea and It's Creed

Join us for our next class on July 8th! You can still attend even if you missed the first class.

Throughout its 1700-year history, the Nicene Creed has helped Christians keep our eyes focused on the truths that Scripture reveals about God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctified us in the one true faith. This study isn't merely a history lesson, it's immensely practical. The class meets next on July 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Supper begins at 5:30 and the class starts shortly afterward. Childcare is available. See the signup sheet or sign up electronically on our website at [spljordan.com](http://spljordan.com).



### Ushers

There is a new usher schedule on the counter near the Fellowship Hall. Please take a copy home with you. You can also find the schedule on our website [spljordan.com](http://spljordan.com) under the “member info” tab. If you have not received text message reminders, or would like to discontinue receiving them, please contact the office.

### Worship and Picnic in the Park

On August 24<sup>th</sup> we will be having worship and a picnic in the park at Lagoon Park. Worship will begin at 10 am, followed by food and games. Please bring a potluck item to share, hot dogs will be provided. Remember to bring a lawn chair to sit on, and your own beverages.

## SERVING THE LORD

Acolytes			Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
7/6	9 am	Leah Bertrang	3	Ryan Bertrang	Lois Zander
7/13	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	4	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
7/20	9 am	Leah Bertrang	1	Cooper Kalal	Noah Helke

July Altar Guild	July Cleaners
Melanie Sparby/Jodi Bertrang	-
July Counters	Summer Service Group Leader
Norma Bendzick/Connie Jabs	(Need Volunteers)
August Altar Guild	Children's Church Volunteer
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	-

Attendance	
Sunday	54
Monday	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1045	\$3834
Online Giving	\$1239	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2284</b>	<b>\$3834</b>



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