



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

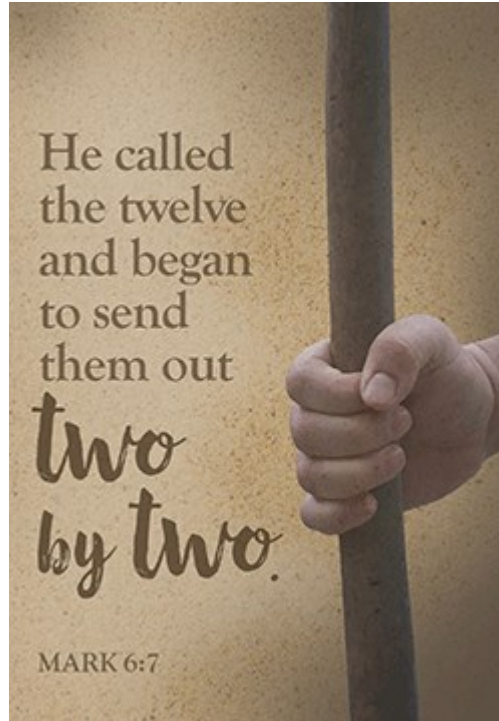
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La Grange, Texas

*The Rev. Stan Larson, Interim Pastor*  
*Praise Band*

**Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**July 7, 2024**

**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**



### **Next weekend's readings:**

**Amos 7: 7-15; Psalm 85: 8-13; Ephesians 1: 3-14**

**Mark 6: 14-29**

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## Welcome!

- + Welcome to worship! All are welcome at the table of grace. We believe that Christ is truly present as we share the bread and wine. Those at home are invited to participate with appropriate elements.
- + The 9 a.m. service will be on Facebook live & audio streamed on our webpage, [www.stpaullg.org](http://www.stpaullg.org). It will also be posted on our Facebook page. You may listen to last week's service on KBUK 104.9 FM on Sundays at 10 am.
- + Everyone is invited for coffee and snacks in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday morning's service.

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others.

## GATHER

### Prelude

### Announcements

*Those who are able, please stand.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

### HYMN

*(See Overhead Screen)*

## Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.

Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## First Reading: Ezekiel 2: 1-5

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 123

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

**so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,**

**and of the derision of the proud.**

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Those who are able, please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*(See Overhead Screen)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel: Mark 6: 1-13

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown,

and among their own kin, and in their own house.”<sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.<sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.<sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.<sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.<sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.<sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.<sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**Children’s Word**                      **Pastor Stan Larson**

**Sermon**                                      **Pastor Stan Larson**

*Those who are able, please stand.*

**Hymn**                      *(See Overhead Screen)*

**Blessing for the LYO Summer Trip**

**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**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint Albert and all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our companion synods—the Lutheran Churches of Central African Republic and Peru. May we with them continue to spread the gospel and the love of God. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the St. Paul LYO youth and sponsors on their Summer Trip to Table Rock Lake, Missouri. We ask for safe travels, opportunities to grow in their faith, and adventures to encourage their imagination. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed especially Verlene Hobrantsch and Billie Warmke. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Sharing of the Peace

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The congregation shares the peace and may then be seated.*

**Offering** *The offering plates will be passed.*

*Those who are able, please stand.*

## Offertory

*(See Overhead Screen)*

## Offering Prayer

**P:** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### The Great Thanksgiving *ELW 144*

**P:** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(See Overhead Screen)*

## **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**

**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**

*The Congregation may be seated*

## **Communion**

*All are welcome to the Lord's table. We will be communing by intinction. You will be given a wafer, then proceed to dip the wafer in the offered wine or white grape juice before ingesting the dipped wafer. If you are physically unable to come forward for communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

*Those who are able, please stand.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**P:** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## **Blessing**

**P:** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Sending Song**

*(See Overhead Screen)*

## **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**



**This Weekend: (7/7)**

**9:00 am USHERS:** Bamba Scott, Caleb & Ashleigh Parks,  
Frank & Lisa Moellenberndt

**LECTOR:** Praise Band

**ALTAR GUILD:** Faye Bresan

**Fellowship Refreshments:** Carolyn Bennetsen

**FLOWERS:** OPEN

**SUNDAY (7/7):** 9:00 am Worship

Sending Service for LYO Summer Trip

10:30: Adult Education

**WEDNESDAY:** 7:00 pm Praise Band

**THURSDAY:** 1:30 pm Audit Committee

**SUNDAY (7/14):** 9:00 am Worship

10:30 Adult Education

**Next Weekend: (7/14)**

**9:00 am USHERS:** Scott Toensing, Chuck & Karen Bellue ,  
James & Sharon Elias

**LECTOR:** Sharon Elias

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sharon Elias

**Fellowship Refreshments:** Ginger Friemel

**Today** is the Sending Service for the LYO group as they prepare to leave on the Summer Youth Trip July 12 thru July 19. Prayers for safe travels, adventures, and spiritual growth as they travel to Table Rock Lake, Missouri.

This

year **13 youth, 3 jr. sponsors, and 5 sponsors** are taking the trip. Youth are: Madi Fowler, Brock Loehr, Hunter Sabo, Riley Lowe, Jesi Torres, Judith Hernandez-Almeida, Chloe Coufal, Kameron Behrens, Meadow Taylor-Marklin, Elizabeth Lehmann, Jayden Behlen, Ashlynd Judy, and Chloe Parks. Jr. Sponsors are: Rory Halpain, Gunner Jurek, and Jarron Fajkus. Adult sponsors are: Reina Torres, Kylie Jo Hartmann, Caleb Parks, Ashleigh Parks and Bradley Loehr.

**Reminder**—Audit Committee will meet Thursday, July 11 at 1:30 pm.

**Reminder**—“Dancing Under the Stars” will be on Saturday, July 20 at Ruterville Sons of Hermann Hall. This is a joint benefit between St. Paul and Shared Lutheran Ministries with all proceeds going to Lutherhill Ministries. A meal, music, and live and silent auctions will be held. Festivities begin at 5:00 pm. Please plan to attend to support Lutherhill. This year will be a new twist—

“Secretary Showdown” —the challenge between Cheri Herbrich, SLM Office Manager and Ruth Poncik, St. Paul Office Manager during the LIVE AUCTION.

Each will bring her ‘specialty’ to see who’s goodies can get the highest bid!