

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 8, 2008

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ today as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word. Please, take home any of the material found on the tables in the entrance, and we hope you will join us every week for worship in Jesus' name.

**10:30am**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

**HYMN: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

Chorus: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it Jesus, if you please;

Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1. I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
2. Thru this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
3. When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; On that bright eternal shore I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

Chorus: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it Jesus, if you please; Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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INVOCATION

**CONFESSION OF SINS:**

P. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C. O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE:**

P. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us.

C. AND HAS GIVEN HIS ONLY SON TO DIE FOR US AND FOR HIS SAKE FORGIVES US ALL OUR SINS.

P. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God,

C. AND HAD PROMISED US HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

P. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved!

C. GRANT THIS, LORD, UNTO US ALL! AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Psalm 100, Spoken by Pastor)*

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**SONG: "Only By Grace"**

*(Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10:19-22)*

Chorus: Only by grace can we enter; only by grace can we stand, Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb. Into Your presence You call us; You call us to come. Into Your presence You draw us, and now by Your grace we come. Now by Your grace we come.

Verse: Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand? Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. *(Repeat verse again then chorus)*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

2 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. 3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." 7 So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. 8 The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said."

EPISTLE: Romans 5:6-11

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more

shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**RESPONSE:** *(From Psalm 145)*

P. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

C. HIS GREATNESS NO ONE CAN FATHOM.

P. I will meditate on your wonderful works,

C. AND I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR GREAT DEEDS. AMEN.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." 1 He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. 6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. 7 As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *(The Apostle's Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Song: "Cry of My Heart"**

Chorus: It is the cry of my heart to follow You  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart to follow,  
all of the days of my life.

1. Teach me Your holy ways, oh, Lord. So I can walk in Your truth. Teach me Your holy ways, oh, Lord. And make me wholly devoted to You. (Chorus)

2. Open my eyes so I can see. The wonderful things that You do. Open my heart up more and more, And make me wholly devoted to You. (Chorus)

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SERMON: Exodus 19: 6-8 **"Confirmation: All the Time"**

**SONG: "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"** *(Psalm 107:22)*

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy. *(Repeat)*

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THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP *(Please sign book at end of pew.)*

SPECIAL PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

**SONG: "For The Lord Is Good"** (echo) sung by praise band  
**(For the Lord is good and His love endures forever....Psalm 100:5)**

*Chorus:* For the Lord is good, and His love endures forever; He's a faithful God to all generations. For the Lord is good, and His mercies will not fail us; They are new each day, O, lift your voice and say, "The Lord is good!" *(Repeat)*

*Verse:* Great is your faithfulness, O Lord (Great is your faithfulness, O Lord)  
Your loving kindness fills our hearts to overflowing. Songs of rejoicing and sweet praise.  
(songs of praise) They fill our hearts, (they fill our hearts) They fill our days.

*Chorus—Verse—Chorus*

Ending...The Lord is good, The Lord is good, The Lord is good!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JUNE:

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service