

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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.

WE THANK Rev. Norman Ruthenbeck for leading us in worship today. May our Lord and Savior Jesus bless his ministry in our midst!

10:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

SONGS: "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

Verse: Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus: You came from heaven to earth, To show the way. From the earth to the cross, My debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky, Lord I lift Your name on high. (*Verse, chorus, chorus*)

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"You're Worthy of My Praise" Congregation sings **BOLD** print

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart... Psalm 138:1

I will worship... **I will worship** With all of my heart... **With all of my heart**

I will praise You... **I will praise You** With all of my strength;... **With all my strength;**

I will seek You... **I will seek You** All of my days,... **All of my days,**

And I will follow... **I will follow** Follow all of Your ways... **All Your ways.**

Chorus:

I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise; You alone I long to worship,

You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down,... **I will bow down** Hail You as King... **Hail You as King**

I will serve You,... **I will serve You** Give You ev'rything... **Give You ev'rything;**

I will lift up... **I will lift up** My eyes to Your throne... **My eyes to Your throne**

I will trust You... **I will trust You,** I will trust You alone... **I'll trust You alone.**

(*Chorus x2*) (© 1991 Maranatha Music. Used in Permission By CCLI# 1561573)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN:

P. Holy and gracious God,

C. I CONFESS THAT I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU THIS DAY. SOME OF MY SIN I KNOW - THE THOUGHTS AND WORDS AND DEEDS OF WHICH I AM ASHAMED - BUT SOME IS KNOWN ONLY TO YOU. IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST I ASK FORGIVENESS. DELIVER AND RESTORE ME THAT I MAY REST IN PEACE.

P. By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise to serve him.

C. AMEN.

VERSES: (Spoken)

P. O Lord, open my lips;

C. AND MY MOUTH WILL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.

P. Come quickly, O God, to deliver me;

C. COME QUICKLY TO HELP ME, O LORD.

P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

P. Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

C. FOR HE IS OUR MAKER.

SONG: "Power of Your Love"

(*Col 3:10 And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*)

1. Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed, flowing from the grace that I've found in You; And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be striped away, by the pow'r of Your Love.

Chorus: Hold me close, let Your love surround me, bring me near, draw me to Your side; And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.

2. Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You, face to face, the knowledge of Your love, as You live in me; And Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life, in living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love. (*Repeat chorus*)

End... And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

I This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. 6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant— 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." 8 The Sovereign LORD declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry 14 in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?...29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. 30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. 32 For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

RESPONSE:

P. Forever, O Lord, your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C. LORD, I LOVE THE HABITATION OF YOUR HOUSE AND THE PLACE WHERE YOUR GLORY DWELLS.

P. Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

AMEN.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." 27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SONG: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, Take it the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our Refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there. (Public Domain)

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

I believe that the Father Almighty is my God and your God. I believe that He made the galaxies and the earth. He has made all people for Himself and for each other. I believe that He loved each of us so much that He sent His only Son Jesus, to be born a human, to grow and to teach and to love. But being human was not enough; Jesus also had to suffer and die. So God's Son, for the joy set before Him, endured the pain and death on a cross, for you and for me and for all people. After three days, He rose from the grave. He ascended into heaven, and was exalted by His Father to be Lord and King over all. I believe that when Jesus returns to the earth visibly, He will claim all who believe in Him as His royal family, to live in His kingdom forever. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has given each of us faith in Jesus and preserves us in that faith. He gives to us new life, new hope and an everlasting love. So I also believe that all Christians will rise from death and live with God in eternal glory. And I believe that we have more than a fellowship of people with faith. We have a message for the world, and that message is Jesus is the Christ, in whom alone forgiveness and life with God are found. Amen.

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

PRAYERS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SONG: "Shine Jesus Shine"

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me, shine on me.
Chorus: Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire, Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.
2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; by the blood I may enter Your brightness; Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; Shine on me, Shine on me. *(Chorus)*
3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, Shine on me. *(Chorus x 2)* (C. 1987 MakeWay Music. Used by permission. CCLI 1561573)

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF AUGUST:

August 10th, 24th and 31st – 10:30 Service