

## SENDING

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

\*Benediction

\*Sending Hymn            “How Firm a Foundation”            **ELW #796**  
(Tune: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise)

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People, Pastor: Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Kirstin Arndt

## IN OUR PRAYERS

## IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

## CALENDAR

Sun., August 28	Worship with Communion	9:00 AM
Sun., Sept. 4	Worship	9:00 AM
Sun., Sept. 11	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship with Communion	10:15 AM



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family**

*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

*\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)*

## Announcements

## GATHERING

***The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.***

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.  
**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn      “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**ELW #858**

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.**

**\*KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Canticle of Praise**

“This Is The Feast”

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**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**      (Merciful God, receive our prayer.)

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*Offering plates are located in the Narthex.*

**Offering Prayer**

God of abundance:

**you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**

**As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?" <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

**Sermon** Reverend Karen Sparling  
**Hymn** "O Day of Rest and Gladness" **ELW # 521**

### **\*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.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
 Amen.**

### **WORD**

***God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.***

### **First Reading**

*God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

- <sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
 the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
 and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
 then your light shall rise in the darkness  
 and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
 and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
 and make your bones strong;  
 and you shall be like a watered garden,  
 like a spring of water,  
 whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
 the restorer of streets to live in.  
<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
 from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

### **Psalms 103:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and  
mercy;**  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love.**

### **Second Reading**

*Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.*

### **Hebrews 12:18-29**

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia"

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**\*GOSPEL READING**

*Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.*

**The holy gospel according to Luke 13:10-17**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**