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### **5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + July 13, 2025**

**HYMN** “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake” LSB 688

- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, all in my way abiding;  
deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey my call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, take my example for your guide.**
- 2 I am the light, I light the way, a godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show how you must sojourn here below.**
- 3 My heart abounds in lowliness; my soul with love is glowing;  
and gracious words my lips express, with meekness overflowing.  
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all, to God I yield, on Him I call.**
- 4 I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul’s salvation,  
your heart from every guile to free. From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul and lead you to your heavenly goal.**
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed  
and firmly clinging to His word, in suffering be undaunted.  
For those who bear, the battle’s strain the crown of heavenly life obtain.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Our Lord Jesus said to His followers, “Whoever would follow Me must disregard himself and pick up his cross of suffering every day and follow Me.”

**C: He went on to say, “Whoever wishes to save his life must lose it, but whoever loses his life on account of Me will save it.”**

P: With these words, our Lord shows that following him is deadly serious just as it is a victorious life. Let us acknowledge that our sinful nature rebels against this bold and faithful living and shrinks back to self-preservation and trust in our own plans for how life should go.

**C: Lord Jesus, we confess that in our weakness and suspicion, we not only doubt that following You will lead to life but we disobey Your Father’s commands in order to get ahead and achieve the aims that we set for ourselves. Conform us to Yourself so that our aims are Your aims and that rather than seeking to get ahead, we will seek to follow You to whatever end knowing that when we go with You, we go with You to resurrection and everlasting life.**

P: Our Lord Jesus does not leave us as orphans but instead is with us in all things with grace and forgiveness. He is with you here now in the forgiveness of your sins done by His command and with His authority. As His called and ordained servant, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit so that you may have life according to His promise.

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 27:1a, 4-6

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

**One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.**

For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

**Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His tabernacle I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**All: O Lord, whose gracious presence never fails to guide and govern those whom You have nurtured in Your steadfast love and worship, make us ever revere and adore Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRAISE SONG** “We Will Glorify the Lord” WP 154 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

**We will glorify the King of Kings, we will glorify the Lamb;  
We will glorify the Lord of Lords, who is the great I Am.**

**He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;  
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.**

**Hallelujah to the King of Kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;  
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords, who is the great I Am.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** Zechariah 12:7-10

<sup>7</sup>“And the LORD will give salvation to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not surpass that of Judah. <sup>8</sup>On that day the LORD will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the LORD, going before them. <sup>9</sup>And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING** Galatians 3:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

C: (sung)      **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**      LSB 156  
    **You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 9:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” <sup>19</sup>And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.” <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.” <sup>21</sup>And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, <sup>22</sup>saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” <sup>23</sup>And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.    C: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**SERMON** “What Happens After a Declaration?” text: Luke 9:18-24

**HYMN** “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” LSB 853

- 1 How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed Your call:  
    to live according to Your Word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
    that You are Lord of all and will not let us fall.**
- 2 But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear;  
    if worldly pressures fray the mind, and love itself cannot unwind  
    its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.**
- 3 We marvel how Your saints become in hindrances more sure;  
    whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear Your name  
    and by our faults obscure Your pow’r to cleanse and cure.**

**4 In what You give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,  
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to You,  
the cross You hung upon - all You endeavored done.**

### **BLESSING OF NEW COMMUNION VESSELS**

P: Beloved in the Lord, in perfect love for us, Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His body and blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. It is therefore fitting and right that the vessels used to convey to us His body and blood should be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

P: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

**C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**C: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

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

P: Let us pray. Most gracious God and Father, whose only-begotten Son instituted the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood, bless these individual cup trays for use at the altar of Your Church. Grant that all who eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from these vessels may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to them in this Sacrament; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these individual cup trays and all who receive the life-giving Sacrament. **C: Amen.**

### **THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P:...Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

#### **PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

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

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

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

All: 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

### **ALL IN ALL**

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all!

When I fall down, You pick me up. When I am dry, You fill my cup.

You are my all in all!

Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name; Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

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### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" LSB 414

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun, shine with un-borrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,  
we hail Thy body glorified and our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death, we see Thy kingdom come;  
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;  
but since thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me  
and on His shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

5 **Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

6 **And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within thy house forever!**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray, We thank You, Almighty Father, that You have refreshed us with this gift of Your Son's body and blood, and now we ask you to give us new strength through this same gift that we have stronger faith toward you and stronger love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: **Amen.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all. C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN** "For Me to Live Is Jesus" LSB 742 (vs. 1-3, 5)

- 1 **For me to live is Jesus, to die is gain for me;  
so when my Savior pleases, I meet death willingly.**
- 2 **For Christ, my Lord, my brother, I leave this world so dim  
and gladly seek another, where I shall be with Him.**
- 3 **My woes are nearly over, though long and dark the road;  
my sin His merits cover, and I have peace with God.**
- 5 **In my last hour, O grant me a slumber soft and still,  
no doubts to vex or haunt me, safe anchored in Thy will;**

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**FAMILY ROOM AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP.** Parents, our Family Room is open for you with quiet toys, one way glass, changing table, and bathroom.

**BIBLE BAGS** are available for small children to use during the service. They are located on tree coat racks by each entrance. Please remember to put back on the coat rack when finished so someone else can use them too. If you accidentally took one home please bring it back to church for future children to enjoy.

**ATTENDANCE** Last Week Sunday Early—118 + Late—75 + Monday - 22 = 215

**ACOLYTES** Early: Joe Sitter & Colton Zoglman, Late: Kennedy Timm & Kensley Seka

**USHERS** Early: Roger Suehs, Brian Elmhorst & Greg Kamke  
Late: Roy Suehs, Scott Spiegelberg & Greg Kamke, Monday: Bruce Scheller

**STUDENT USHERS** Early: Riley & Easton Vanden Heuvel  
Late: Fischer Korotka & Stella Tellock

**GREETERS** Early: Barb Flees, Late: Josh Korotka

**ALTAR GUILD** Early: Janice Miller & Sue Bartel, Late: Sharon & Scott Spiegelberg  
Monday: Gloria Zemple

**CAMERA** Abby Elmhorst

**FELLOWSHIP** Gloria Zemple

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Jerrod and Elizabeth Rieckmann, married on July 12th. Nicholas and Alissa Patri, married on July 12th.

**OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD** July 7<sup>th</sup> deposit \$18,283.65. General—\$7,659.75; Loose Offering - \$151.00; Memorials - \$660.00; Missions - \$187.50; Fellowship - \$18.00; Anniversary Funds - \$250.00; PALS - \$450.00; Day Care Rent - \$700.00; Building & Maint. - \$30.00; School - \$7,003.00; Hot Lunch - \$17.80; Day Care Meals - \$1,156.60; EFTs General - \$1,473.00; Missions - \$42.00; Scrip School - \$106.01; & Scrip Church - \$106.02.

**NEW INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION CUP TRAYS** are given in memory of Carol Juergens.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed to the Glory of God in remembrance of Clarence Sturm.

**MEMORIAL** in memory of Margaret Fahser \$450.00 was given to Church, \$210.00 Endowment Fund, \$450.00 School & \$100.00 to Quilters.

**HELP WANTED!** St. Paul Sunday School is looking for teachers for the upcoming school year. We're looking for somebody to share a job in the 3K-Kindergarten room. We are also looking for people interested in substituting. Anybody from high school age on up is welcome. Special thanks go out to Gail Schertz and Alexa Korotka for their years of service to our congregation's children. Contact the church office or Jim Roenz — 920-538-2374.

**PACKER GAME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Volunteers needed to work at Lambeau Field concession stand for Family Night Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> & Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, leave church parking lot at 3:30 p.m. If interested in volunteering contact Principal Brian Elmhorst for more information. All games are listed on sign-up sheet on the windows in the back of church.

**SCRIP PROGRAM** has gift cards for sale in the church office during office hours. June % for Church General Fund was \$106.02 (which includes 1/2% from School), June % for School Education Fees was \$106.01 for a total of \$212.03.

**ST. PAUL 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** will include special worship services and meals. We will celebrate our first worship service on October 19, 2025 and the organization of our church on March 15, 2026. Mark your calendars. Note that there will be no church picnic in September.

**BRIEF SACRAMENT SERVICE** Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. This is a worshipful communion service in the sanctuary as well as fellowship with other members of St. Paul. We will be bringing the communion elements to the pews where you will be sitting (in every other row). Everyone is welcome to come. After worship we will have a snack & refreshments.

**ST. PAUL VBS 2025** Vacation Bible School is coming July 14-17, 2025, 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.! VBS is for ages 3 (potty trained)-6<sup>th</sup> grade (just completed). All are welcome to this FREE event that includes Bible stories, games, music, crafts, snacks, and more! If you would like to register kids or as a volunteer, please pick up a form in the back of church and return completed registration forms to the church office or box in Narthex. Online registration also available: <https://vbsmate.com/events/stpaulmanawawi/30307> Contact Katie Sitter with questions: [ksitter29@gmail.com](mailto:ksitter29@gmail.com) or Church Office: [stpaulchurchmanawa2004@yahoo.com](mailto:stpaulchurchmanawa2004@yahoo.com) 920-596-2837.

**SUMMER CHURCH SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS** July & August the church secretary will be in Monday, Thursday & Friday morning from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

**AMISH HAYSTACK SUPPER** July 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:30 p.m. Neitzke Road, Marion.

**This Week's Opportunities (July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Sunday..... Worship w/Communion 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
.....Proverbs Bible Study 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
Monday ..... Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30 a.m.  
..... Worship w/Communion 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday ..... Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30 a.m.  
..... Quilting 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday ..... Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30 a.m.  
Thursday ..... Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30 a.m.  
..... Brief Sacrament Service 2:00 p.m.  
Friday ..... August Newsletter Deadline  
Next Sunday ..... Worship 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

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**July 14-17, 2025 / Time: 9:00am-11:30am / Cost: Free!**  
**Ages: 3 (potty trained)-6<sup>th</sup> grade (just completed)**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Information (illnesses, medication, food or activity restrictions, etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_