

POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE
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OUR SAVIOUR'S & ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCHES



WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG ALL ARE WELCOME (tune: Nobody's Darling)

From the city and from the country
We have come with songs of praise.
You are the God of all living.
You always love and you forgive.

Anyone who enters is welcome.
Men, women, and little children.
Young and old we come before You.
To give our thanks and praise to You.

You are the maker of the earth,
Of the moon and stars above.
Lord, You came and lived among us.
Your Spirit guides us in Your ways.

Let our doors be open wide now,
Ev'ryone who comes is welcome.
As we come to celebrate with You;
Singing our songs of praise to You.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God awakens us to this new day bids us to enter the gates of righteousness.

C: This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Christ is the cornerstone of our faith.

C: This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: God causes light to shine on us and blessed our festive procession.

C: Blessed is the One who comes in God's name. Amen.

SONG COME NOW AND WORSHIP (tune: Beer Barrel Polka)

Come now and worship, come now and worship the Lord.
Come now and worship, join as we sing and adore.
Gather together, give God the praise that is due.
Hear us as we come to worship, singing praise to you.

We bring our gifts, Gifts of ourselves and our lives
With bread and wine, we offer you our whole lives
This celebration draws us all closer to you.
Hear us as we come to worship, singing praise to you.

Jesus, our Savior, died on a cross just for us.
Rose from the dead, Christ gives salvation to us.
Gather together, drawing us closer to you.
Hear us as we come to worship, singing praise to you.

GOD'S WORD SHARED

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 15:15-21

*God fortifies the prophet against
opposition*

Romans 12:9-21

Live in harmony

Matthew 16:21-28

*The passion prediction and rebuke to
Peter*

A Reading from the 15th Chapter of Jeremiah

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

A reading from the 12th Chapter of Romans

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Amazing Grace

(tune: traditional hymn)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe this far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

A Reading from the 16th Chapter of Matthew

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

SONG

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

(tune: traditional)

REFRAIN

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee.
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou are strong,
Jesus keep me from all wrong,
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. **REFRAIN**

Thro' this world of toils and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord none but Thee. **REFRAIN**

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. **REFRAIN**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light (*especially*). In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

The freewill offering taken to today will be given to the Polka Band as our appreciation for their sharing of musical talent today. Please place your other offerings in the respective baskets at the welcome table.

SONG

Chapel in the Valley

We are brothers, we stand together,
Lord, won't You come and be with us?
On the mountains and in the valleys,
We praise You, Lord, for all to see **REFRAIN**

REFRAIN:

Oh La, Oh Lee oh, we sing and praise Your Holy name.
Oh La, Oh Lee oh, forgive our sins, forget our blame.
Oh La, Oh Lee oh, please take our troubles for today.
Oh La, Oh Lee oh, as we worship you and pray.

You have called us to be Your people,
Lord, won't You come and be with us?
See us standing 'round the altar.
Lord, won't you come and set us free? **REFRAIN**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

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.**

SONG

Benediction

(tune: Edelweiss)

May the Lord, Mighty God
Bless and keep us forever.
Grant us peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see God's face,
Know God's grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty Lord,
Bless and keep us forever.

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

SONG**Adio**

(tune: Adio)

Adio our worship has ended
With peace and with love in our hearts.
Brothers and sisters united
With Jesus, His most sacred heart

Lord Jesus please give us Your blessing.
Bless fam'ly, our country and land.
Praise to Your honor we're singing
Together united we stand.

Our sins and our faults are tremendous
Humbly we ask You, we pray.
Come to us, embrace us, Lord Jesus.
We want You and need You today.

Adio, we love You, O Jesus.
Adio, we praise You with love
Guide us, protect us and keep us.
And lead us to heaven above.

POSTLUDE**The Tinker Polka**

**Thank you to Char's Band for sharing their musical talents with us this morning.
It has been fun. The freewill offering taken today will go to support the ministry
of Char's Band.**

Announcements

Beginning next Sunday, September 6 we will be having outdoor worship at St Paul through September as weather permits. Parking on 1st St. SE will be for people who are remaining in their cars during worship, if you join us on the green space south of the building please park on S Connecticut Ave or East State. September 6 will be a communion service.

Beginning this week, the office at St Paul will be open just Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Diane will be checking email and mail daily. If you need pastoral care be sure and contact Pastor Matthew directly at 641-231-4418.

Longtime member of St Paul, Margaret Simkins passed away on Monday, August 21. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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