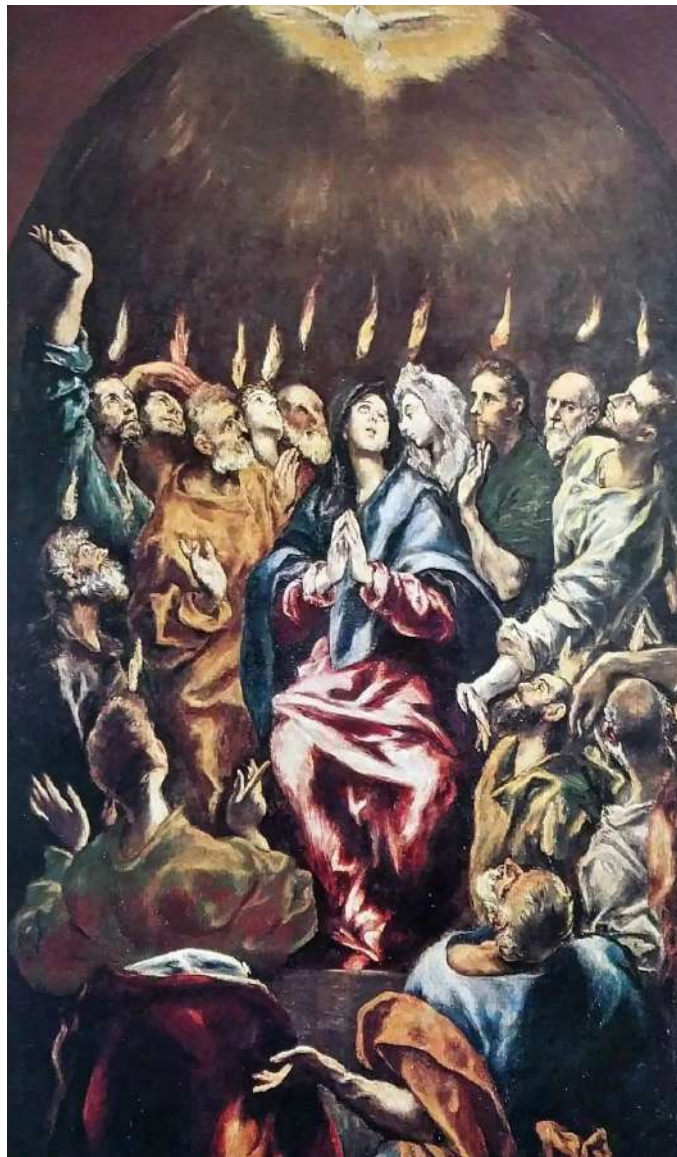


DAY OF PENTECOST



May 28, 2023

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy you have joined us for worship today. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, you are welcome here—you are a blessing to this assembly.

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

Lutherans believe, teach, and confess that in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All who are drawn in faith are welcome to join in this confession and receive the Sacrament.

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. With this service bulletin you can follow and participate in this morning's liturgy.

New to St. Paul? Ready to make it your own? Questions about St. Paul, including transferring membership from another Lutheran church, or for beginning the process for baptism, confirmation, reception, or transferring from one of the other Christian traditions, may be directed to the Church Office at 781-646-7773 or parishadmin@stpaularlington.org.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Building-wide Covid-19 Protocol Update: Aligning with CDC recommendations, the Church Council decided that wearing masks is optional at St. Paul. The Council will continue to use Federal CDC and local Board of Health guidelines to help shape our worship decisions going forward.

The following guidelines are in place to keep all of us safe and healthy. Thank you for your cooperation in showing love to our neighbors.

Masks: Masking is still optional. **Two windows will be open in the back of the sanctuary on the lectern side for air circulation. Windows may be closed in extreme weather circumstances.**

Singing: There is singing at both Worship Services.

Cover art: "Pentecost" by El Greco

*When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable.*

At the ✠, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.

*The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Breath of the Living God /
Soplo de Dios Viviente”

ELW407

Emmanuel Correa Vazquez, Cantor

* CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God’s mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ.

Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

ELW 786



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schürmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

* GREETING

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.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1–21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24—34, 35b

The beginning of the psalm is sung by the cantor with the congregation singing the bold verses, responsively.



How manifold are your | works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.
There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.
You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in | all your works.
You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.
May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Vicar Emmanuel Correa Vazquez

SERMON

Vicar Emmanuel Correa Vazquez

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

ELW 577



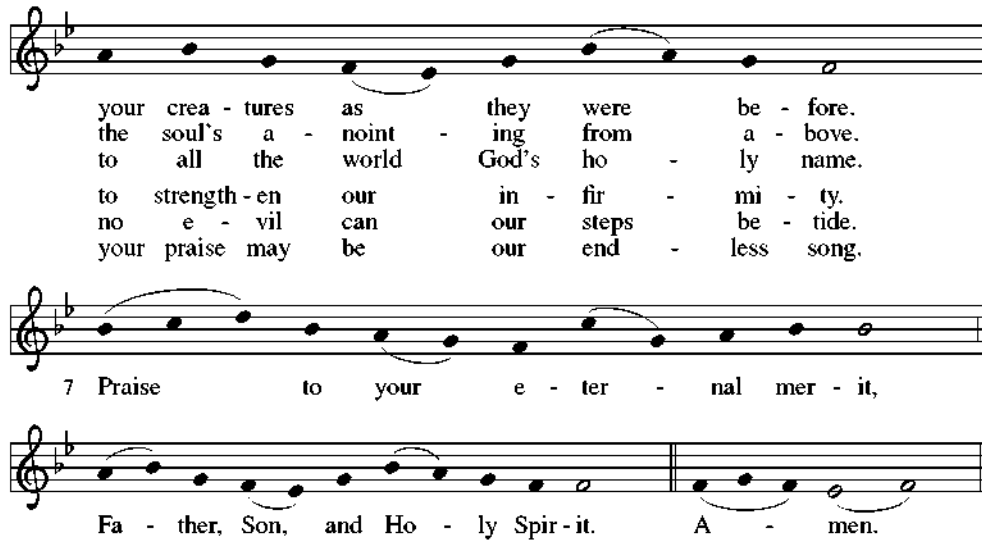
1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove,
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry;
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold,
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part,
 5 Keep far from us our cru - el foe,
 6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,



de - scend up - on us from a - bove;
 to you, the gift of God most high,
 we God's al - might - y hand be - hold;
 and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;
 and peace from your own hand be - stow;
 and you, of both, to be but one;



with grac - es man - i - fold re - store
 true fount of life, the fire of love,
 while you with tongues of fire pro - claim
 your own un - fail - ing might sup - ply
 up - held by you, our strength and guide,
 that through the a - ges all a - long



your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
to all the world God's ho - ly name.
to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.
no e - vil can our steps be - tide.
your praise may be our end - less song.

7 Praise to your e - ter - nal mer - it,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite
Music: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS. Sarum plainsong, mode VIII

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restoring God, we pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort, especially Dan, Elna, Janna, Jeffrey, Lois, Lynn, Noah, Owen, Roberta, and Susan. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you, especially those we commemorate this week: hymnwriter Jiri Tranovský, Justin Martyr, The Martyrs of Uganda, and Pope John XXIII. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord
Amen.

* PEACE

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

MEAL

ANTHEM

"I Will Sing With The Spirit"
John Rutter (b. 1945)

I will sing with the spirit
I will sing with the spirit
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah

I will sing with the spirit
I will sing with the spirit
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah

And I will sing with the understanding also
Hallelujah, hallelujah

And I will sing with the understanding also
Hallelujah, hallelujah
And I will sing with the understanding also
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah

I will sing (I will sing)
With the spirit (sing hallelujah)
I will sing with the spirit
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah

Hallelujah
Hallelujah

OFFERING



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* OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

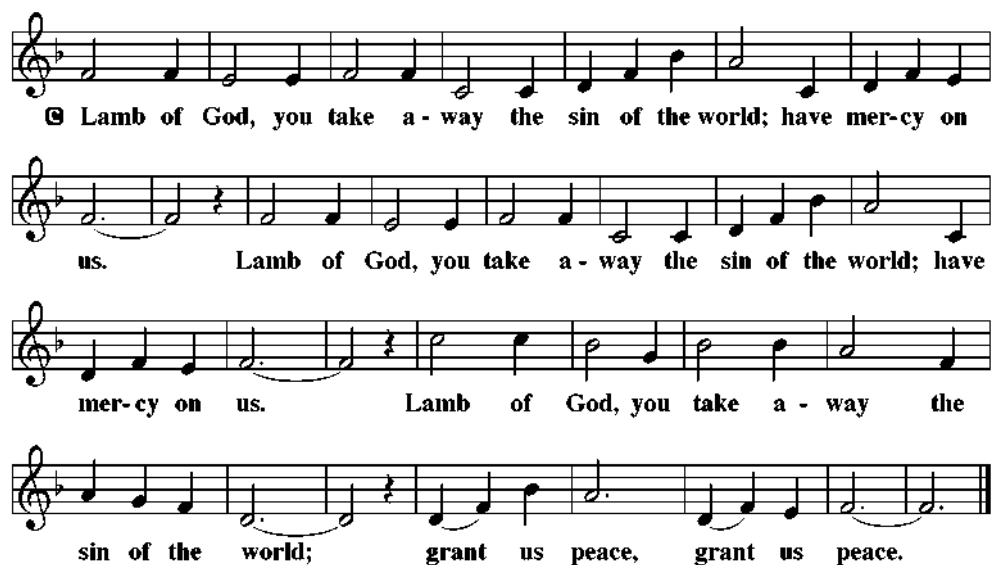
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

COMMUNION



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

ELW 403



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of
 flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the
 new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
 Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

* TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING HYMN

"O Day Full of Grace"

ELW 627

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG. Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mark Olson, Trumpet

*Today's altar flowers are given by Pat Gray
in loving memory of John and Dorothy Stanat.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* UPCOMING HAPPENINGS
at **SAINT PAUL**



JEHU JONES FUND BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

Last year, with the leadership and guidance of our former Vicar W. Roger Randolph III, we established the Jehu Jones Memorial book scholarship and made 4 \$500 awards to college-bound Black seniors at Arlington High School. The program honors both the legacy of the Rev. Jones, the first Black pastor ordained by the Lutheran Church in the United States, and our commitment as a congregation toward racial equity in our community. This year, we have sufficient funds to make 5 awards but have 8 qualified applicants. If you are moved to contribute to funding the additional awards please donate via Givelify or check, making a note that your gift is intended for the Jehu Jones Memorial Book Scholarship. Vicar Emmanuel will present this year's scholarships at AHS awards night in early June.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR PROPOSALS | Due Sunday, June 11

The Endowment Committee is seeking ideas for use of the funds and want people start thinking of ideas that can be funded by EC. Endowment funds are intended to support activities outside the regular operating budget of the church. They can include special responses to needs in the congregation, the community, or the world. Let us know!
Proposal Application Deadline: June 11, 2023

LAST LEARNING HOUR OF THE YEAR | Sunday, June 4, 9:30

We will have our last Sunday School classes and Adult Forum on June 4th.

SUMMER SCHEDULE START | Sunday, June 11

We will be starting our summer schedule on June 11 with one service at 9:30 and no Education Hour.

END OF YEAR FAMILY BBQ | Sunday, June 18, 12:00

Join us for an end of year BBQ for CYF on June 18th 12:00. Potluck at Sarah and Matt Carter's House (5 Spencer Street, Lexington), as we end the year with a celebration. Please RSVP to stpaularlingtonfamily@gmail.com

FAMILY RESETTLEMENT UPDATE

You can further help the family that we are supporting:

Donate Items: You can see the latest list of items needed and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4FADA62CA5F49-ongoing>. Items may be dropped off at church for delivery by a NeST team member.



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