



Paradise Lutheran Church

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Presider: Gwen Nordgren

Assisting Minister: Cheryl Ghica

Lector: Shawn Ramsey

Homilist: Ted Kalivas

Music: Bob Butterfield, Vianna Boring,
Don Criswell, Miles Krumpak, Ray Lukens

Song Leader: Maggie Kennedy

Sacristan/Altar Guild: Eva Kristiansen

Slides: Debbie McKey

Greeter: Joe Miceli

The Ministers: Every Member of the
Congregation



During each Sunday in August a different homilist will offer insights into one or two of the eight Beatitudes. Should be enlightening.

Suggested Readings for next week's liturgy: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Matthew 5:5-6

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WELCOME to Paradise Lutheran Church, a faith community where **everyone** is welcome without exception. You are invited to participate fully in worship including HOLY COMMUNION.

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AREA: We encourage children to be a part of our worship. Bring your kids to the Children's Worship Area so they can be close to it all and get familiar with Lutheran liturgy. If you wish to sit with your children, either at the table or in the congregation, that's okay, too. More than anything, we want your kids to have a positive experience in church, whatever that might look.
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Welcome and Invocation, Greeting

Opening Song:

"Christ Be Our Light"

V1 - V2, R, V3-4, R V5, R

The musical score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system has five numbered lines of lyrics. The second system has four lines. The third system has four lines. The fourth system is labeled 'Refrain' and has three lines. The fifth system has one line. The lyrics are in a simple, direct style, using hyphens to connect syllables across lines.

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone,
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin,

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

C: Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Reading

Psalm 49:1-12

Gospel Acclamation:

"We Are the Light"

V1, V3, R

Verses



1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,

3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row,



1. Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O

3. They will be com - fort - ed. Bless us, O



1. Lord, make us poor in spir - it;

3. Lord, when we share their sor - row;

Bless us, O

Refrain



1-8. Lord, our God. We are the light of the



world, may our light shine be - fore all; That they may



see the good that we do, and give glo - ry to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-4

Gospel Response:

"We Are the Light"

V1, V3, R

Homily

Ted Kalivas

Song Before Prayer:

"Before the Sun Burned Bright"

Refrain



Be - fore the sun burned bright and riv - ers flowed,
I called you each by name to share My home.
No long - er be a - fraid; I am your God.
My love will nev - er end, Al - le - lu - ia.

Verses



1. Though you have sent me, Lord, to ev - 'ry land,
2. The Lord reached out his hand and touched my tongue.
3. My hand will bring you words, so speak them loud.

to Refrain

1. I can't find words to speak Your ways of love.
2. I give My words to you to speak My love.
3. I am your Lord and God; the Faith - ful One.

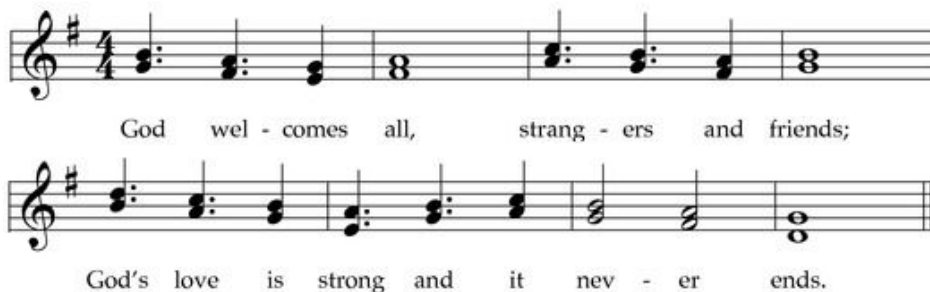
Prayers of Intercession: AM: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

During the Prayers of Intercession, speak your prayer request from your seat. If you would like to pray one-on-one with someone, speak to the Presider after the service or during the distribution of Holy Communion.

Sign of Peace:

“God Welcomes All”

Twice



Prayer Before Eucharist

Song Before Eucharist

"Earthen Vessels"

Refrain



We hold a trea - sure not made of gold,
in earth - en ves - sels, wealth un - told;
one trea - sure on - ly: the Lord, the Christ,
in earth - en ves - sels.

Verses



1. Light has shone in our dark - ness: God has
2. God has cho - sen the low - ly who are
1. shone in our heart with the light of the
2. small in this world; in this weak - ness is
1. glo - ry of Je - sus, the Lord.
2. glo - ry in Je - sus, the Lord.

to Refrain

The Great Thanksgiving

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes a common time signature 'C' at the beginning of the first staff and a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

YOUR OFFERING/GIFTS may be placed in the offering plate as you enter the Church, as you come forward to Communion, or as you leave worship. Thank you.

Eucharistic Prayer and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

*Children and adults who do not wish to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.
Indicate this by arms crossed over your chest.*

As Servers Commune:

"Lamb of God"

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.

Invitation to Communion, Distribution

Prayer after Eucharist

Benediction

Announcements

Closing Song:

*We receive the Eucharist by intinction,
dipping the Host into either the Gold
Chalice (wine) or the Silver Chalice
(juice).*

“My Life is in You Lord”

Daniel Gardner

My life is in You, Lord; My strength is in You, Lord; My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You. My life is in You, Lord; My strength is in You, Lord; My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You. I will praise You with all of my life. I will praise You with all of my strength. With all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in You. My life is in You, Lord; My strength is in You, Lord; My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You. My life is in You, Lord; My strength is in You, Lord; My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

Dismissal

Postlude

SUPPORT OUTREACH TO THE JESUS CENTER

PLCW is collaborating with the Jesus Center to offer enrichment to the many children residing in The Family Shelter at the Renewal Center. In 2024, 39 children called The Renewal Center home with a maximum six month stay. Our first project is to collect items for a reward treasure chest for positive reinforcement of good behavior. Items may include coloring books, crayons or markers, books, character flashlights, non-skid socks especially fuzzy, puzzles, games and other stocking stuffer type items. Christian theme nice but not required. Please no clothes or blankets. Your generous donation can play a crucial role in transforming lives and providing hope to these children in need.

Be looking for the Treasure Chest in the Narthex on upcoming Sundays. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please write a check to PLCW and write treasure chest on the memo line. We will do the shopping. Any questions please call Wanda, 530-762-1011 or Bettye, 530-228-4603. Thank You!

PLCW MEETING IS TODAY

PLCW meets directly after church (and a bit of fellowship) on the first Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is August 3rd. Interested? RSVP to Wanda 530/762-1011 or cell 530/354-4239.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR?

Simply drop a check in the offering plate noted “flowers” on the memo line or call the office and let Nancy know that you would like to provide flowers for a given Sunday. Arrangements cost \$30 and can be billed directly to you from Fuller’s Flowers. Call the office by Wednesday morning to provide flowers for the following Sunday.

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Happy Birthday to Bill Martin (08/05). Debbie Damonte (08/06), Judy Salome (08/16), Andy Hanawalt (08/21) and Finley Einhaus (08/24). If we miss your birthday, please let the office know - we want to celebrate everyone!

Please say special prayers today for:

•Hospitalized/Recovering at Home/Health Issues

(continued healing): Robert Jensen (at Enloe for a few days for his foot); Russell Ellis (Diana Cirimele's dad, going into hospice care); Hoop Hooper (surgery in August); Christina (diagnosed with kidney failure); Jean (Gwen Nordgren's neighbor); Clare Tapia; Jim Henson; Dennis and Vickie Ivey; David Leon Zink (leukemia); Maggie (with Stage 3C cancer Oliver Wingenter's friend); DeeDee Butterfield's parents; Chuck and Patty Rough (Patty has Parkinson's); Tom Nonneman; Patty Nonneman; Linda Curry and Ron Jensen (Robert's family); Andy Hanawalt; Rod & Jeanette Platte; Angela Babcock and family; Bob Butterfield; Chris Hanawalt.

•Other concerns: Tyler Hovis; Elaine Zundel and family; Babcock Family; Sullivan/Brownmiller Family; Chris Winn; Steve's granddaughter Alora; Chris Staton & family; Butterfields' grandson Anthony; Kerry Daniels.

•Serving in the Military: Tyson Hockstaff (Persian Gulf); Meric Corbit, Vinnie Badiali.

CALENDAR

Sunday (08/03)

10:15am - Paradise Lutheran Worship (S)

11:15am - PLCW meeting & Fellowship (LH)

7:00pm - Women's NA (LH)

Monday (08/04)

7pm - NA Meeting (LH)

Tuesday (08/05)

7pm - NA Meeting (LH)

Wednesday (08/06)

3pm—Bible Study (Z)

7pm - NA Meeting (LH)

Thursday (08/07)

7pm - NA Meeting (LH)

Friday (08/08)

12pm - Fridays for Lunch (LH)

(LH) = Luther Hall, (S) = Sanctuary

(N) = Narthex, (CR) = Conference Room

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