



Paradise Lutheran Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

Presider: Gwen Nordgren

Assisting Minister: Wanda Tessaro

Lector: Kathy Thomas

Homilist: Debbie McKey

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

Song Leader: Maggie Kennedy

Sacristan/Altar Guild: Eva Kristiansen /
Tammy Flannery

Slides: Carol Dippold

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: Psalm 103:1-8; Matthew 5:9

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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: At PLC we love kids and encourage their attendance and participation. More than anything, we want them to have a positive experience in church, however that might look. So, children, welcome!
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Welcome and Invocation, Greeting

Opening Song:

"Joyful, Joyful"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Prayer of the Day

Reading

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Gospel Acclamation:

"We Are the Light"

V5, R, V6, R

Verses



5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy,
6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,



5. They will know mer - cy too. Bless us, O
6. They will be - hold the Lord. Bless us, O



5. Lord, hear our cry for mer - cy; Bless us, O
6. Lord, make us pure and ho - ly;

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 5:7-8

Gospel Response:

"We Are the Light"

V5, R, V6, R

Homily

Debbie McKey

Song Before Prayer:

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Prayers of Intercession:

AM: Hear us, O God.

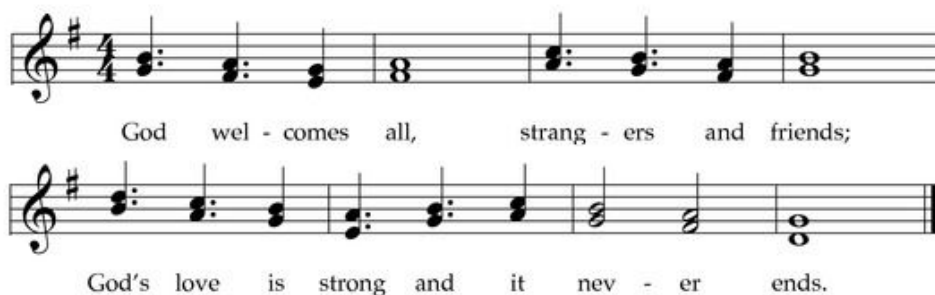
C: Your mercy is great.

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

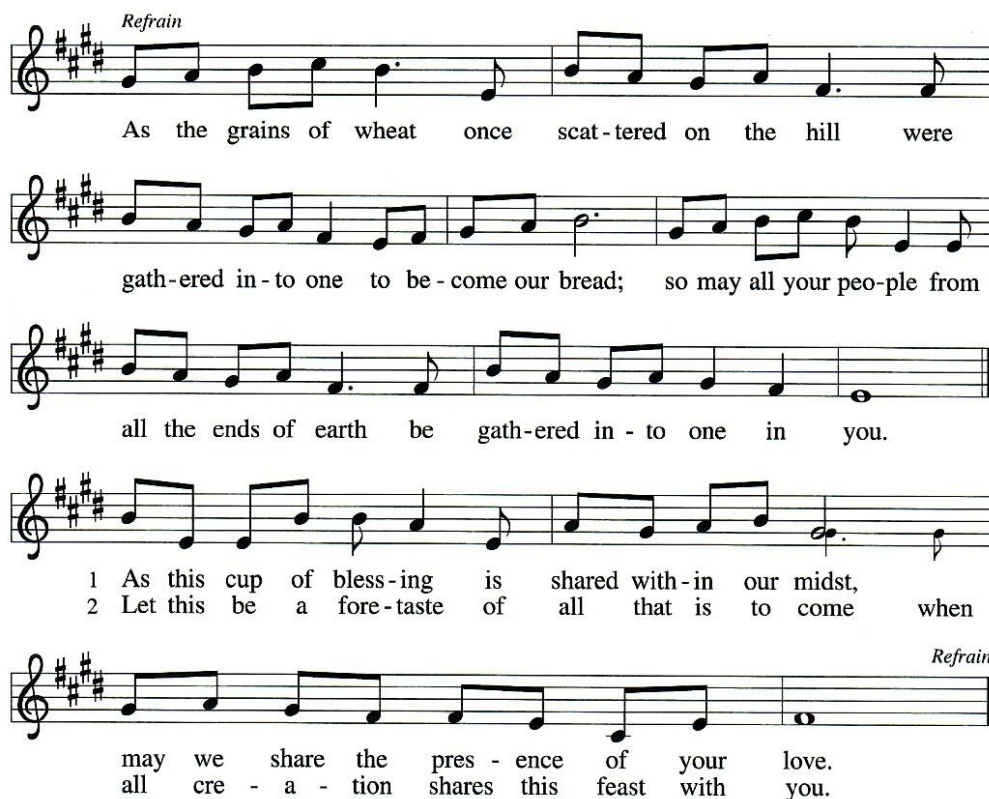


God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Prayer Before Eucharist

Song Before Eucharist

"As the Grains of Wheat"



Refrain
As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

"Holy, Holy, Holy"



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.

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

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

Closing Song:

"I Will Sing of the Mercies"

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will'. The second line continues the melody with the lyrics 'sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the'. The third line ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine' written to the right. The lyrics are 'Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.'. The fourth line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'With my mouth will I make known thy'. The fifth line continues the melody with the lyrics 'faith - ful - ness, thy faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make'. The sixth line ends with a double bar line and the words 'D.C. al fine' written to the right. The lyrics are 'known thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - a - tions.'

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Fine
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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!

PLC POOL PARTY AT CRISWELL RANCH

Hosted by: Don Criswell & Deborah Damonte

Date: Sunday, August 24, 1 - 4 pm

Location: 3044 Indian Springs Road, Paradise
(cross street is Neal Road)

Details: Lunch will be provided. Bring your own beverage, swim suit & towel.

RSVP on sign up sheet at coffee hour or call Don Criswell for rsvp or questions at 530-520-3473.

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): Marc Nemanic's father Dick (in hospice); Georgia Gregory (Ted Kalivas' neighbor); Robert Jensen; 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:** Laurie DeMeyer; 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.

CALENDAR

Sunday (08/17)

10:15am - Paradise Lutheran Worship (S)

11:15am - Fellowship (LH)

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

Monday (08/18)

7pm - NA Meeting (LH)

Tuesday (08/19)

9am—Ridge Quilters (LH)

7pm - NA Meeting (LH)

Wednesday (08/20)

3pm—Bible Study (Z)

7pm - NA Meeting (LH)

Thursday (08/21)

7pm - NA Meeting (LH)

Friday (08/22)

12pm - Fridays for Lunch (LH)

*(LH) = Luther Hall, (S) = Sanctuary
(N) = Narthex, (CR) = Conference Room
(Z) = Zoom*

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