

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

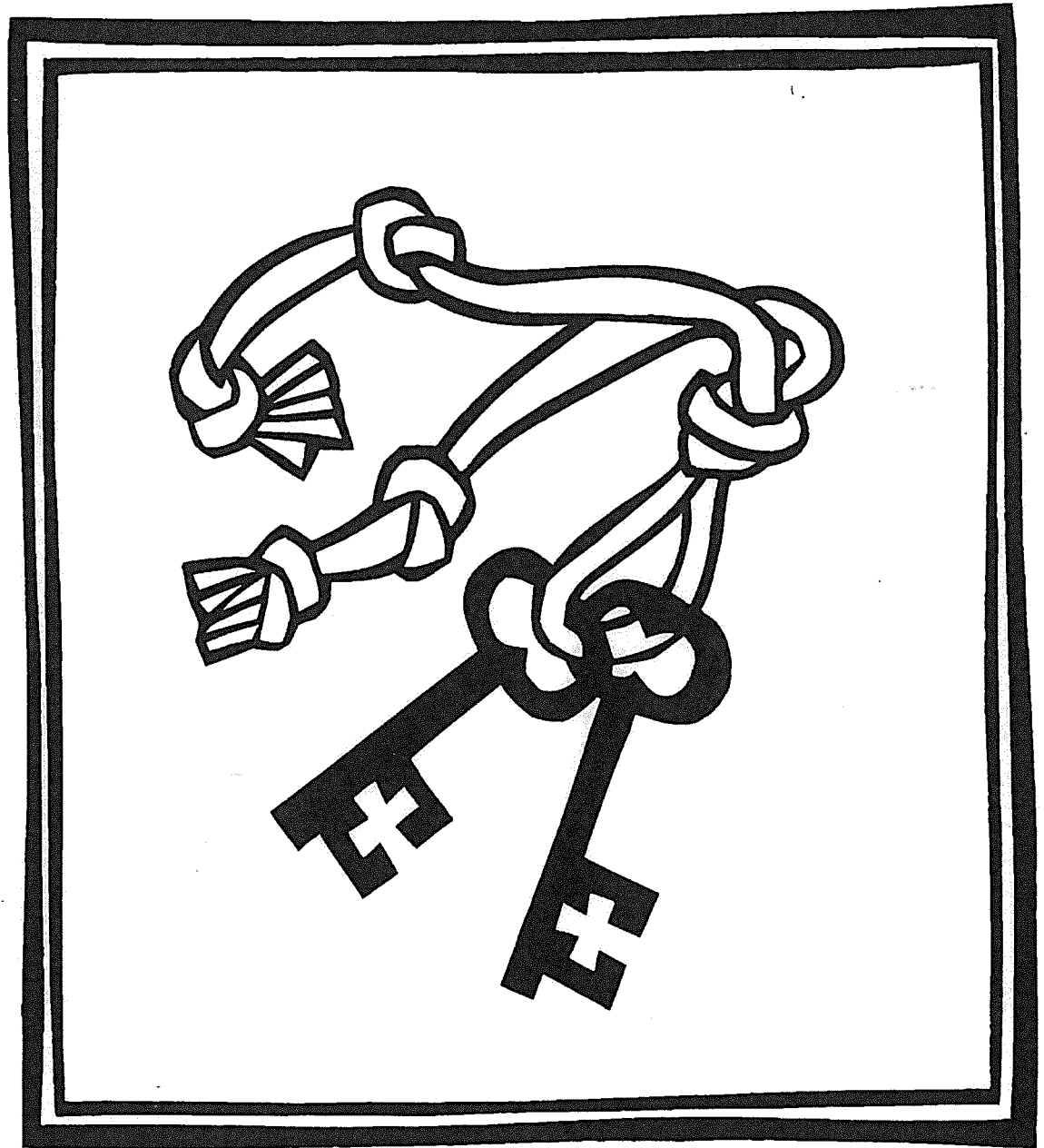
147 West Forest Street  
Clyde, Ohio

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2020

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ SETTING ONE



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

*Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## GATHERING SONG

### “WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD”

(ELW 870)

- 1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us,  
your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. <sup>3</sup>For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of

the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: PSALM 138**

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your  
Name, because of your love and faithfulness;**

<sup>3</sup>For you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.

<sup>4</sup>**When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.**

<sup>5</sup>All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>6</sup>**They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

<sup>8</sup>**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my  
enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord will make good his purpose for me;  
O Lord, your love endures forever; do not abandon the  
works of your hands.

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:33-12:8**

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! <sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” <sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” <sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20**

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SONG

### “TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE”

(ELW 685)

#### Verse 1

Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

#### Verse 2

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

#### Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee.

**Verse 4**

Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use every pow'r  
as thou shalt choose.

**Verse 5**

Take my will and make it thine  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own  
It shall be thy royal throne

**Verse 6**

Take my love my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only all for thee.

**SERMON**

**"WE ARE AN OFFERING"**

Roman 11:33-12:8

Pastor Kurt E. Luebke

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**



## SENDING SONG

### “SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”

(ELW 789)

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor,  
early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



Welcome to worship at St. Paul Lutheran Church! May you experience the love of our good Shepherd, Jesus, and share it with others throughout the week.

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**The ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in memory of our Mothers and Grandmothers by Kevin and Michelle Larkins.

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**VACATION:** Pastor Kurt and Krystal will be on vacation starting on Wednesday (Aug. 26) and will return on Wed (Sept. 2). Pastor Gerry Gosnell will take Pastor Kurt's place preaching and leading the services next weekend. Thank you Gerry for being willing to step in and bless God's people here while Pastor Kurt is out of town!

**OUTDOOR SERVICE:** Mark your calendars! On the weekend of September 12-13 there will be only one service. It will be an outdoor service on the church lawn. Please bring your own lawn chair, find a comfortable place and enjoy a service with your fellow St. Paul Lutheran members. We're hoping Brian Farrar will be able to lead the singing and he may be able to pull together some instrumentalists to help with the music. Masks are encouraged but not required. If you choose not to wear a mask, please sit at a 6-10 foot distance from others not a part of your family so we may follow the guidelines set forth by our state and local governments. The offering, bulletin, and communion cup distribution procedures will be similar to that of the Drive-in services we held a few months ago.

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**OUR CONDOLENCES:** Mrs. Frances Mosser, longtime member of St. Paul congregation passed into eternity on Thursday August 20. She leaves many relatives and loved ones. Blessed be her memory. At the time of bulletin printing funeral plans are pending.

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**OUR CONDOLENCES:** Linda Ritter passed away, Sister to Jim Wilson and Carolyn Bannister.

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## **Things Happening the week of August 24-30**

**Tuesday Aug 25** 6:30 pm Christianity 101

**Wednesday Aug 26** Pastor Kurt and Krystal on Vacation

**Saturday Aug 29** 8:00am Men's Bible Study  
5:00pm Holy Communion Worship Service

**Sunday Aug 30** 8:00am Holy Communion Worship Service  
10:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

### **Prayer Request**

Bev Albright

Tim Cooper brother of Jack (Vicki) Cooper & Sue (John) Mayes

Jackie Cunningham

Diane Dagg

Sandy Gray

Donna Jess

Aunt of Bev Albright

Judy Haughawout

Tracy Hutchinson

Kim McGilton

Daughter of Gene & Sandy Ross

Linda Merrill

Good Friend of Tammy Baker

Fran Mosser

Paul Nichols

Son-In-Law of Karen Sawyer

Sue Nichols

Daughter of Karen Sawyer

Rachel Paradiso

Aunt of Tony Paradiso

Sheri Pero

Michel Rogers

Ken Shoup

Brother-in-law of Karen Sawyer

Jim Shull

Bud Smith

Phyllis Sparks

Mother of Krystal Luebke

Stephanie Stull

Frank Weasner

Friend of Bev Albright

Joyce Weiker

Bill Wott

### **DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Chelsea (Zerman) Matty ~ daughter of Chuck & Melanie Zerman

Cameron Wasson ~ son of Ray & Elizabeth Wasson