

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Drive-In Service – July 25, 2021
87.9 FM

If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome and invite you to return often. One of our core values at St. Paul's is to help people find a place where they belong. We have been doing it for 123 years, and we pray that one of our worship services will bless you on your journey. In addition to this Praise and Worship service, we also offer Traditional worship in our Sanctuary at 8:15am.

This service will meet again as CrossLife next week at 10:45am in the gym.

St. Paul's has chosen as its theme verse to guide us in 2021 – John 20:21

"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

It is the prayer of our congregation that we will connect people to the love of Jesus through our teaching, serving, caring, and telling!

Please record your attendance, submit prayer requests, and give online at www.StPaulsDec.com

Gathering Song: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name *repeat*

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name *repeat 2x*

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Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song: “Amazing Grace –
My Chains Are Gone”**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm 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

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

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

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace repeat

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.

C O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

P God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Song: "How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God *repeat*

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 9:8–17*

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Romans 11:33, 36*

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

P For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

Epistle *Ephesians 3:14–21*

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Mark 6:45–56*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over; they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Song: "Christ Be My Leader"

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The

third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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.

Offering –

Please record your attendance, submit prayer requests, and give online at www.StPaulsDec.com

Song: “Lord I Lift Your Name On High”

(with those who would like to, joining hands outside of their cars in the parking lot to sing)

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Benediction

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WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are honored to have you in worship today. We come together in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings the promise of salvation and everlasting life to all who believe in Him as Savior and Lord. **May He richly bless your life as we worship in Spirit and Truth!**

(John 4:24)

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY, we want to warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus. If you have no church home, we would be honored to have you join us at St. Paul's. For more information about what Lutheran Christians believe and about St. Paul's, please visit us on our website at www.StPaulsDec.com.

OUR MISSION at St. Paul's is to glorify God by connecting people to Jesus through teaching, serving, caring, and telling.

OUR VISION FOR MINISTRY

By the power and grace of Jesus Christ we will work to build a diverse community of spiritually maturing Christians who are... living out their faith in daily life; inviting, welcoming and including new people; and involved in meaningful ministry to others!

OUR CORE VALUES

Generosity (Acts 20:35)

Children (Mark 10:14)

A Place to Belong (Isaiah 56:7)

Respectfulness (Mark 12:31)

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Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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SUNDAY

July 25

8:00am Drive-in Worship
9:30am Facebook Live Worship
9:30am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
10:45am Voters Assembly meeting
11:00am Worship on Radio 98.5 FM

MONDAY

7:00am Preschool Ext Care (M-F)
7:00am KTT Summer program (M-F)

TUESDAY

9:30am Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm Youth Swim Night
6:00pm Adult Confirmation
7:00pm Praise Band rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00am Preschool Chapel

SUNDAY

August 1

Nursery open

8:15am Traditional Worship
9:30am Sunday School Teachers & Helpers Meeting in the Library
9:30am Adult Sunday School
9:45am Pastor's class
10:45am CrossLife Worship
11:00am Worship on Radio 98.5 FM

2021 Flower Calendar sign up in the breezeway or by calling the Church Office (256) 353-8759.

Looking Ahead:

School Supplies for Austinville Elementary School

Please make your donation today, July 25

August 1 – TIME CHANGE & RETURN-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY!

Worship Times: 8:15 Traditional & FB Live
9:30 Adult Classes begin Rm 317 & YAC
9:45 Pastor's Class in Fellowship Room
10:45 CrossLife Worship
11:00 Worship on the Radio

August 8 – RALLY DAY!

9:30 Sunday School for Children & Youth returns

August 11 – FAITHLINKS RETURNS!

Dinner, Confirmation, and Bible Classes!

August 15 – Acolyte Training and Refresher (grades 5-8)

This Week at St Paul's